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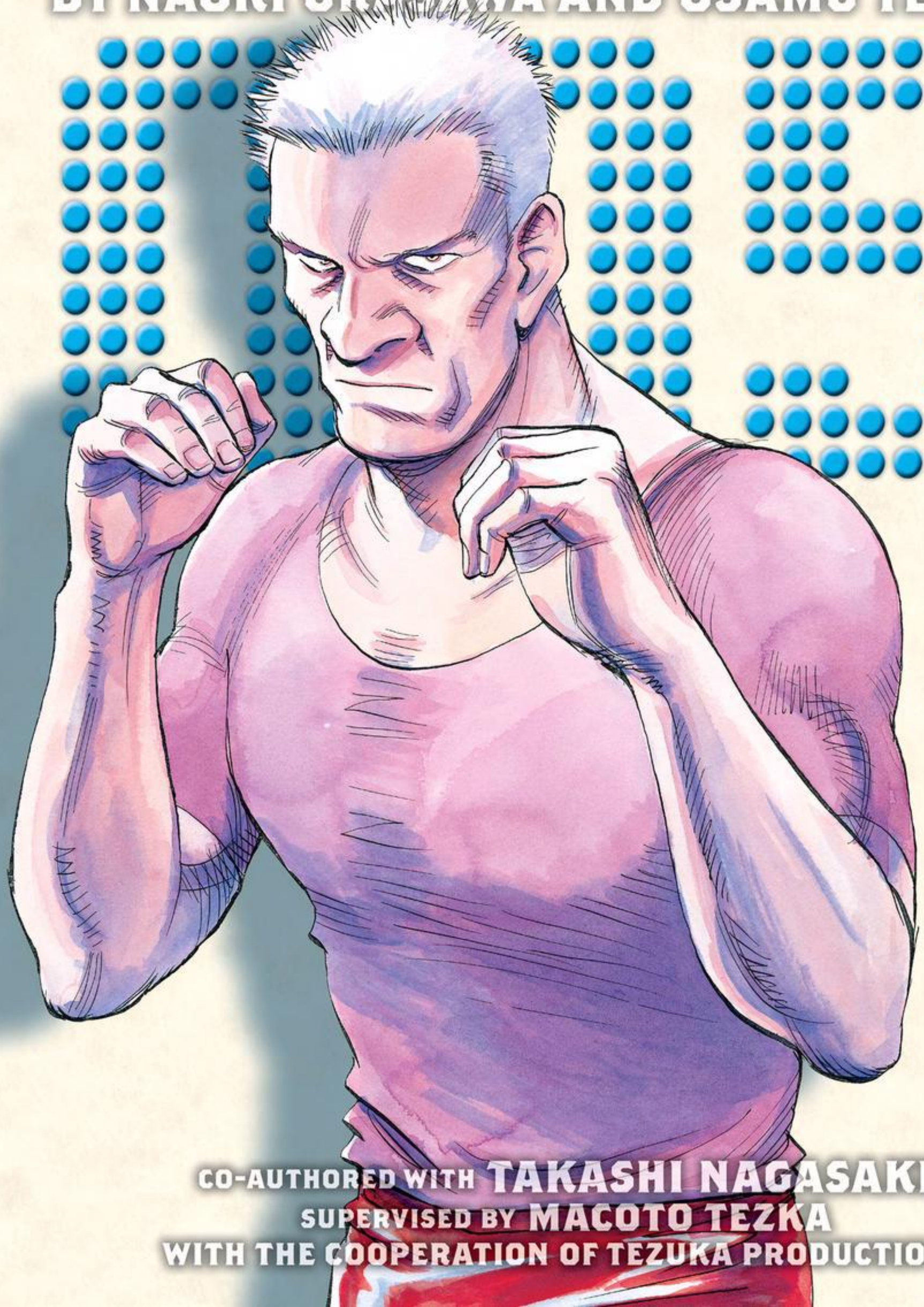

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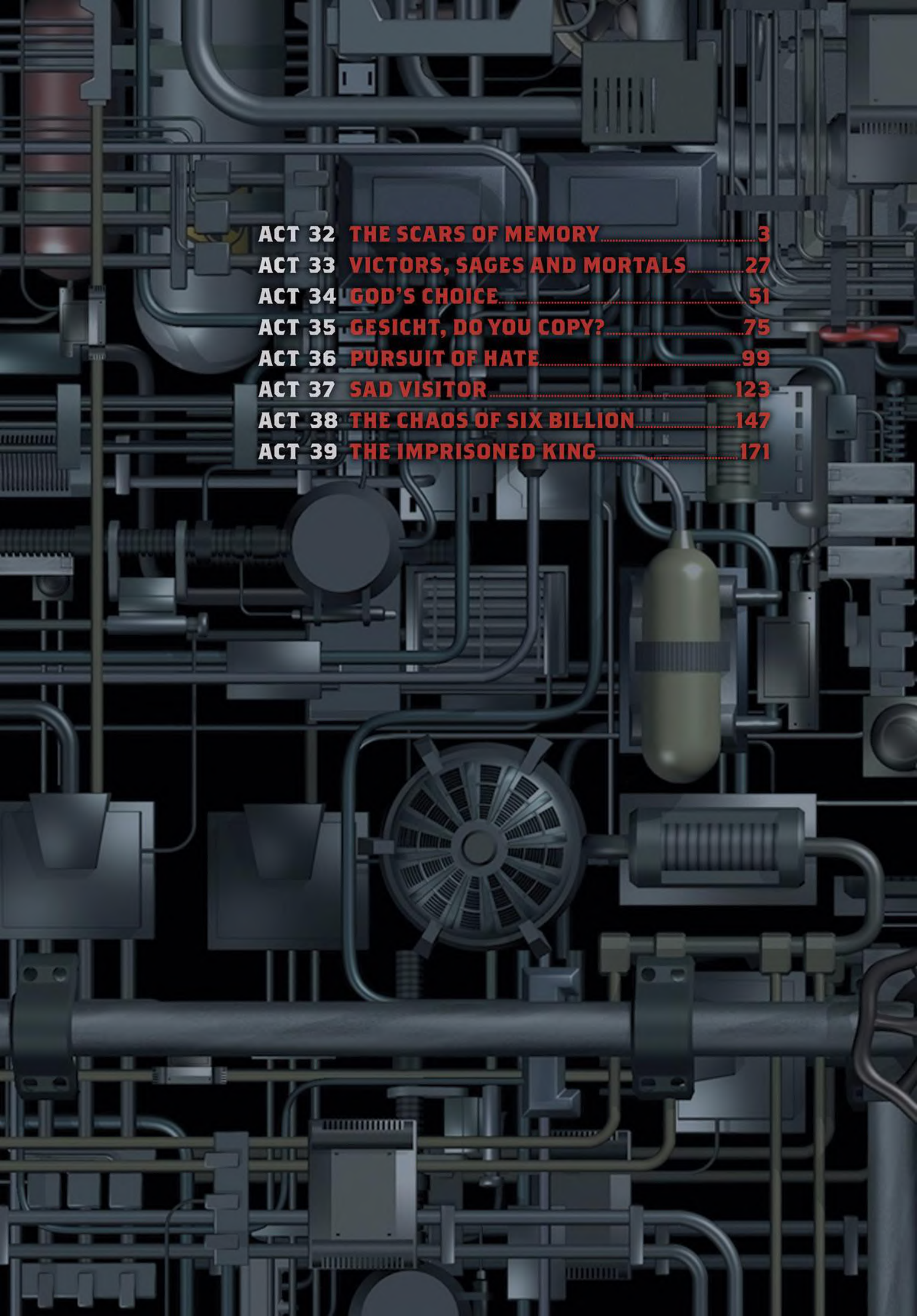

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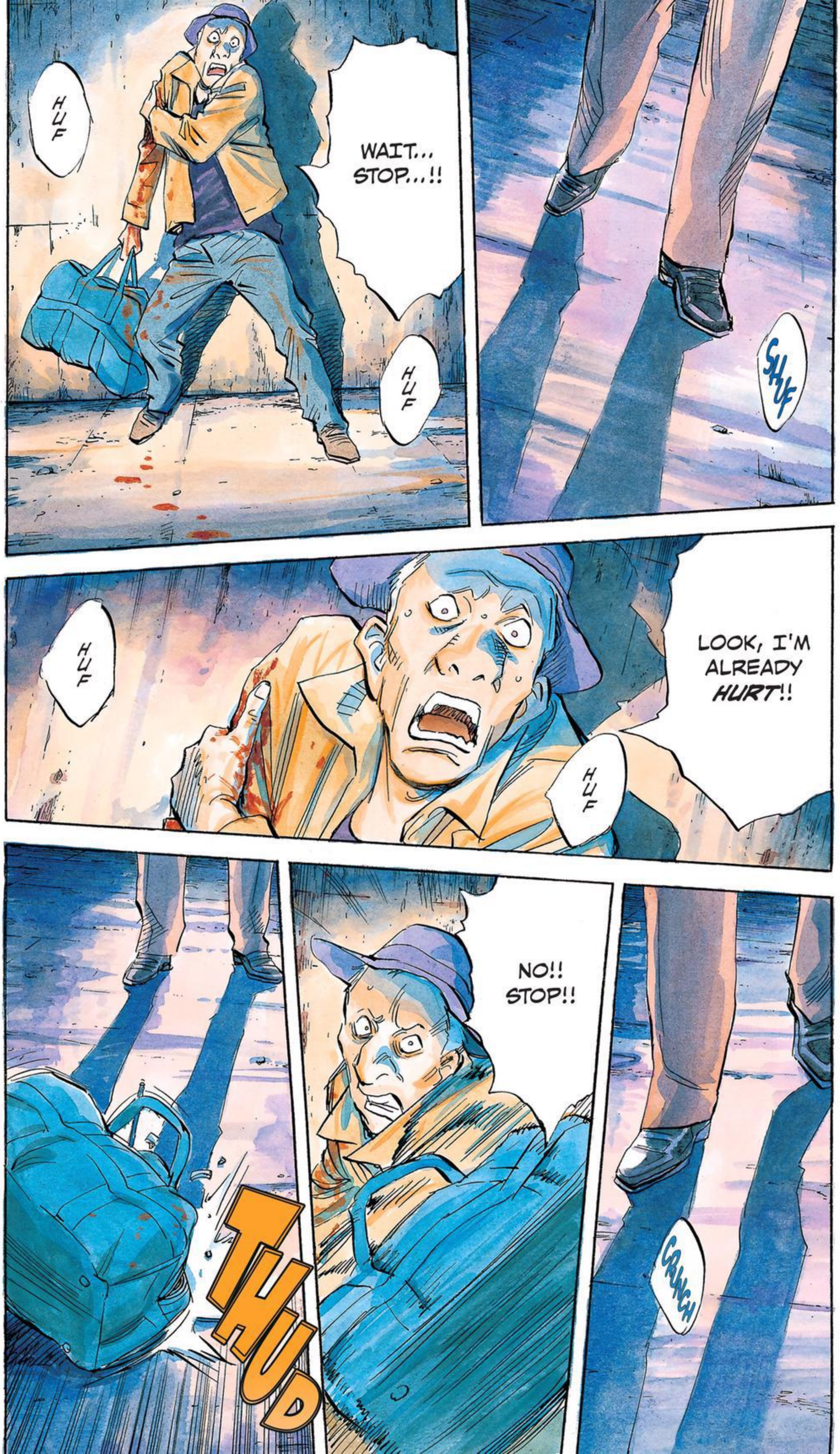

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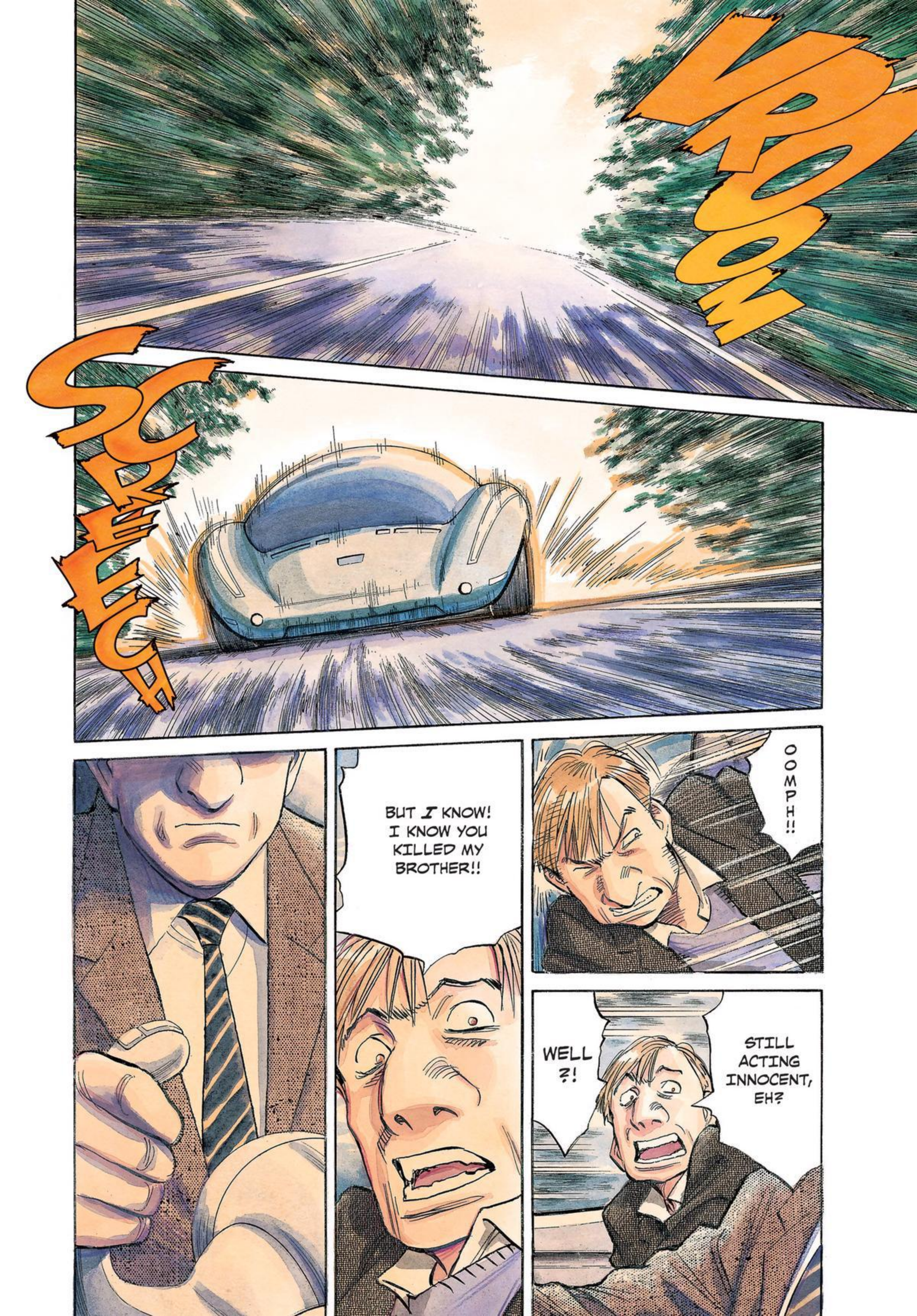
BOOM
SCREECH
BUT I KNOW! I KNOW YOU KILLED MY BROTHER!!
OOMPH!!
WELL ?!
STILL ACTING INNOCENT, EH?

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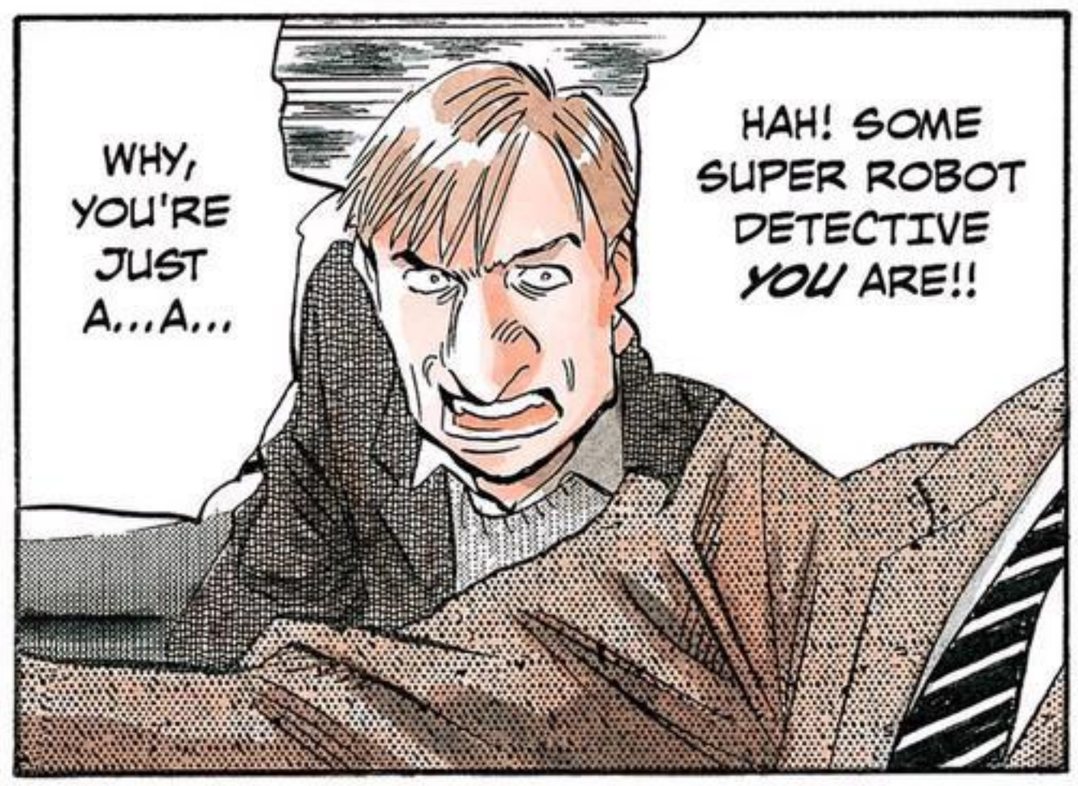
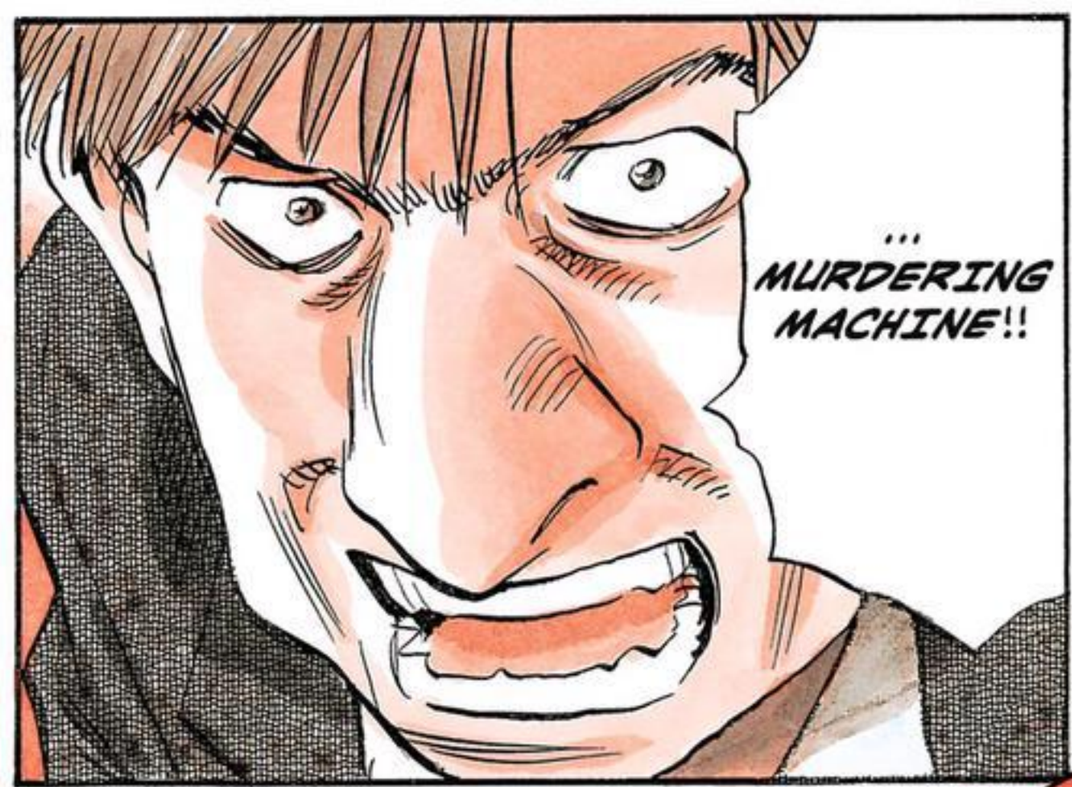
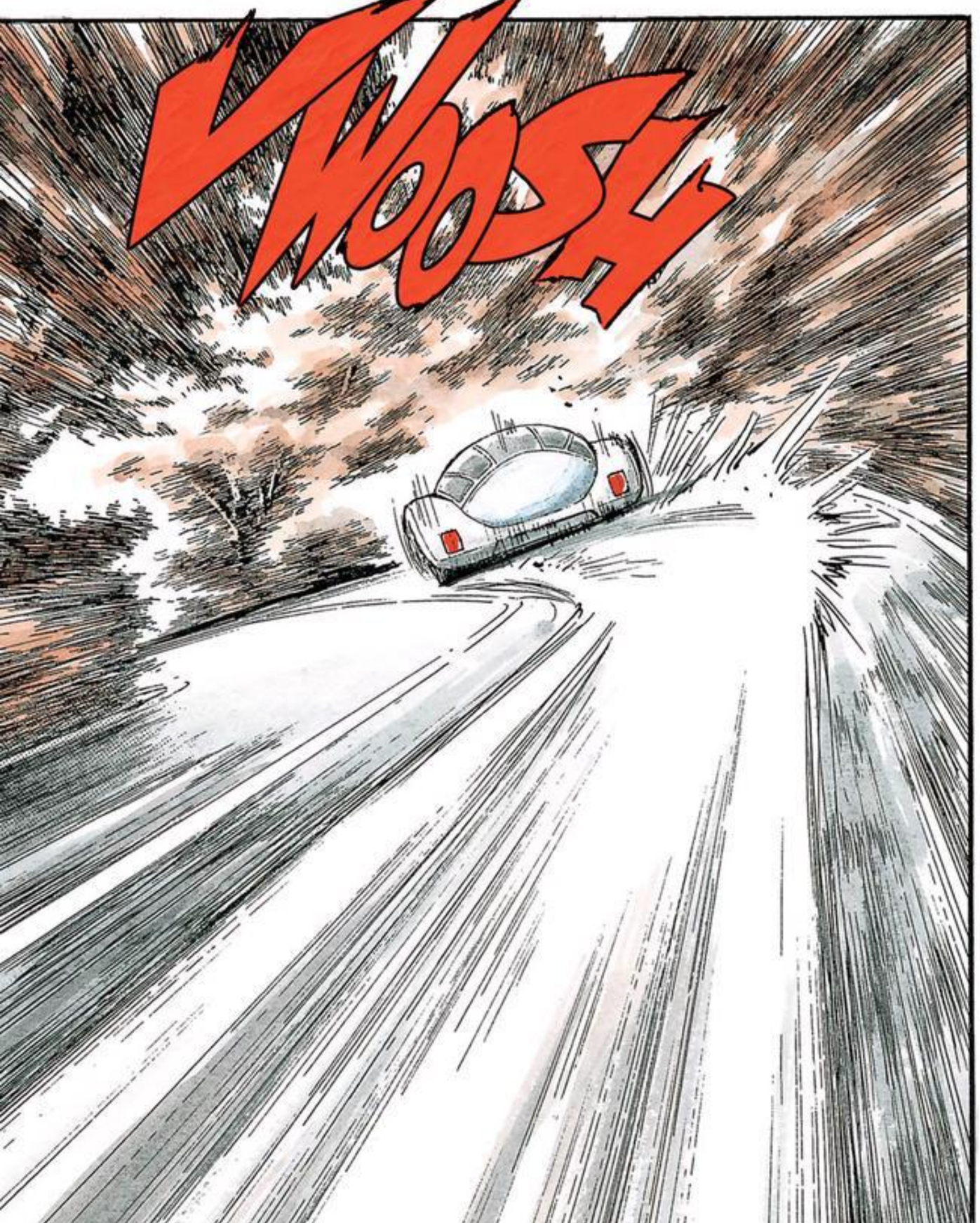
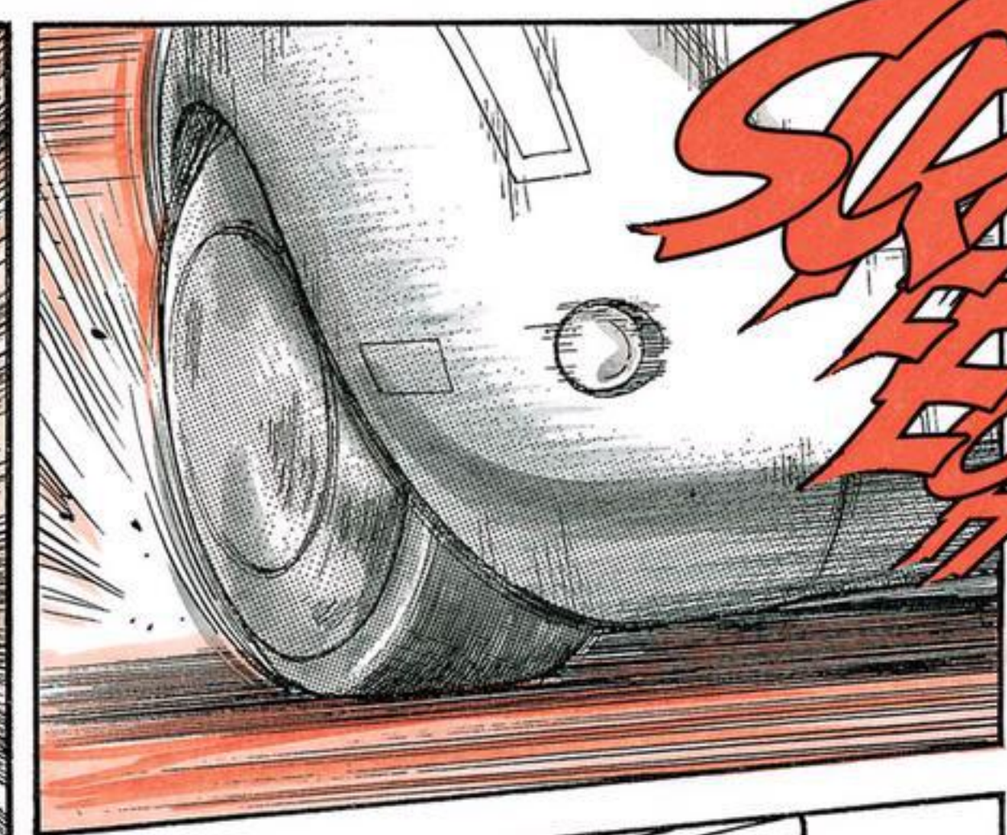

WHY, YOU'RE JUST A...A...
HAH! SOME SUPER ROBOT DETECTIVE YOU ARE!!


...
MURDERING MACHINE!!


WHOOSH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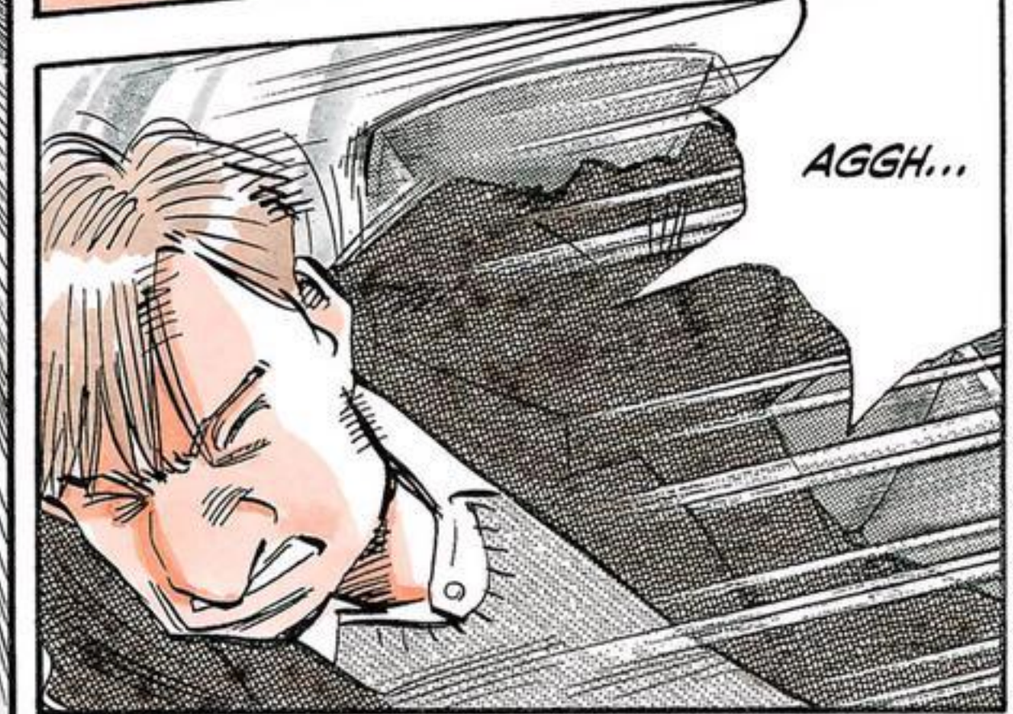
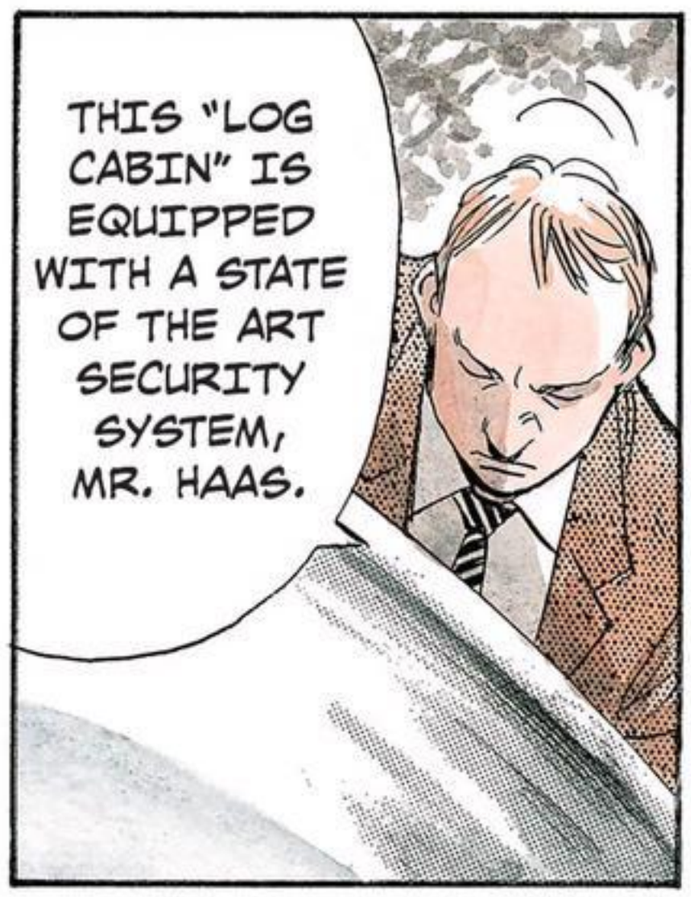
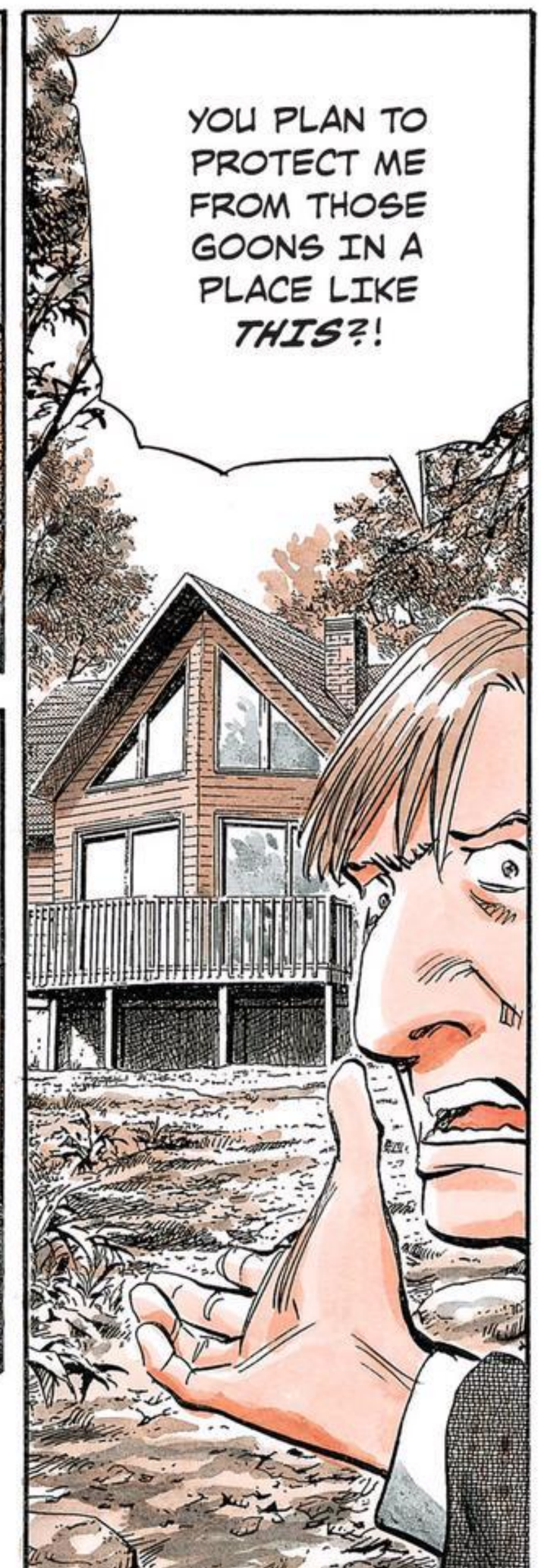
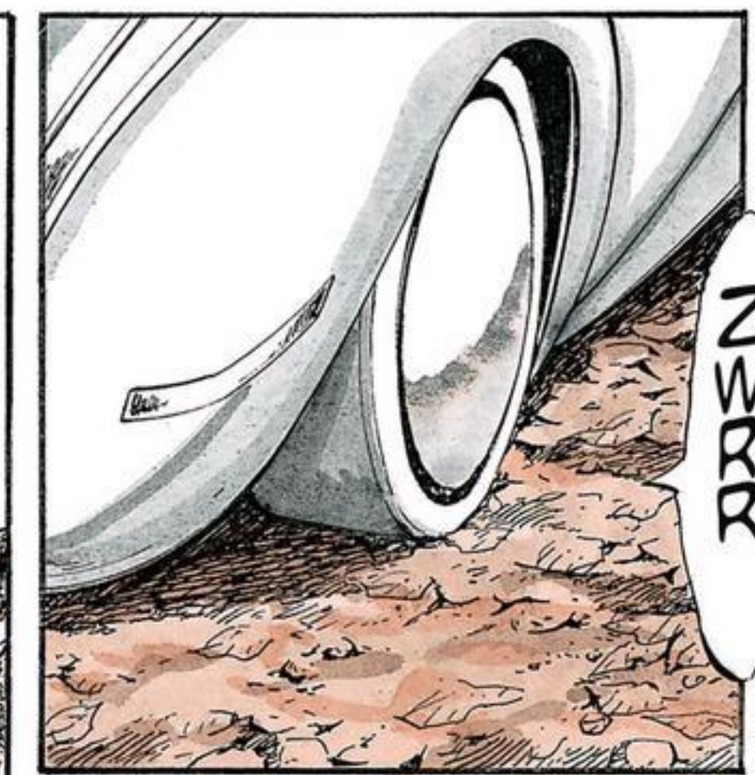
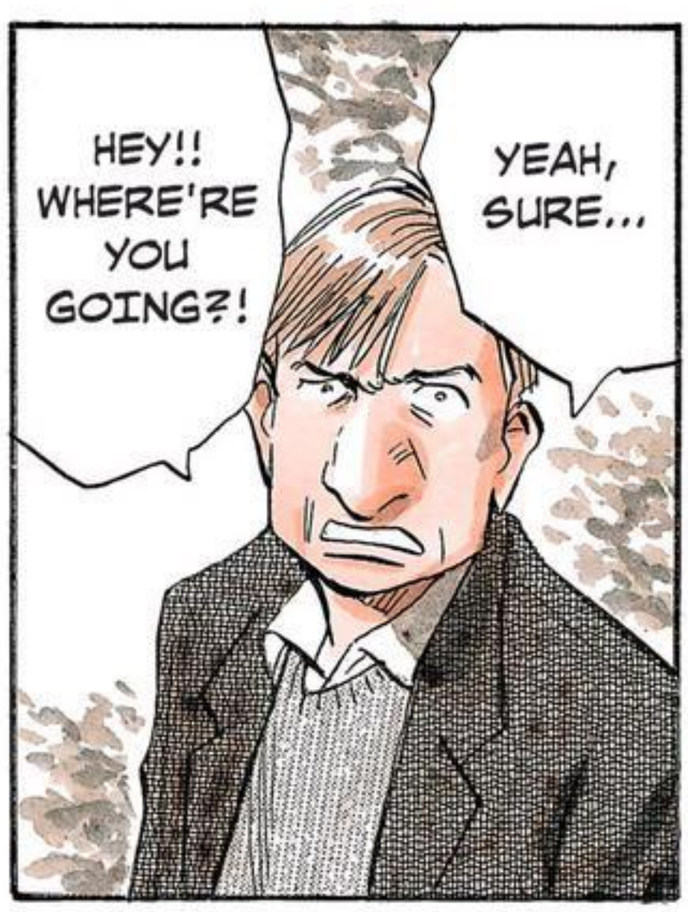
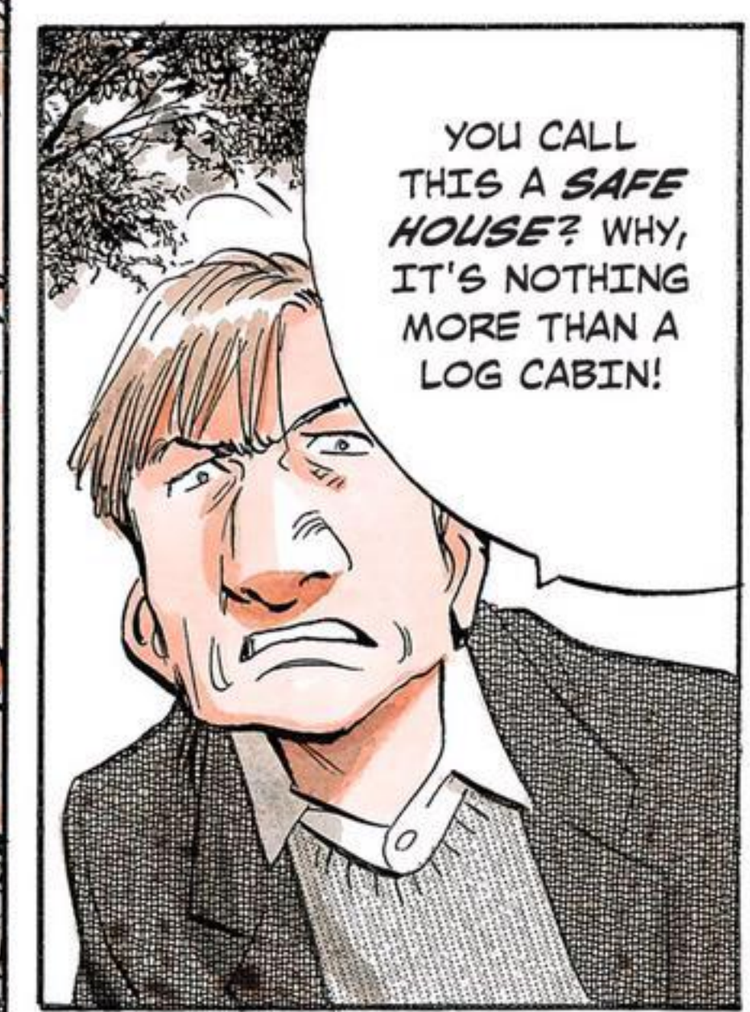

AGGH...


THIS "LOG CABIN" IS EQUIPPED WITH A STATE OF THE ART SECURITY SYSTEM, MR. HAAS.


YOU PLAN TO PROTECT ME FROM THOSE GOONS IN A PLACE LIKE *THIS*?!


ZWRR


HEY!! WHERE'RE YOU GOING?!
YEAH, SURE...


YOU CALL THIS A *SAFE HOUSE*? WHY, IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A LOG CABIN!

HEY!!

YOUR WIFE AND SON WILL BE HERE SOON...

WSHH

STAY INSIDE AND DON'T GO OUT UNDER ANY CIRCUM-STANCES.

I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR.

SHOOM

!!

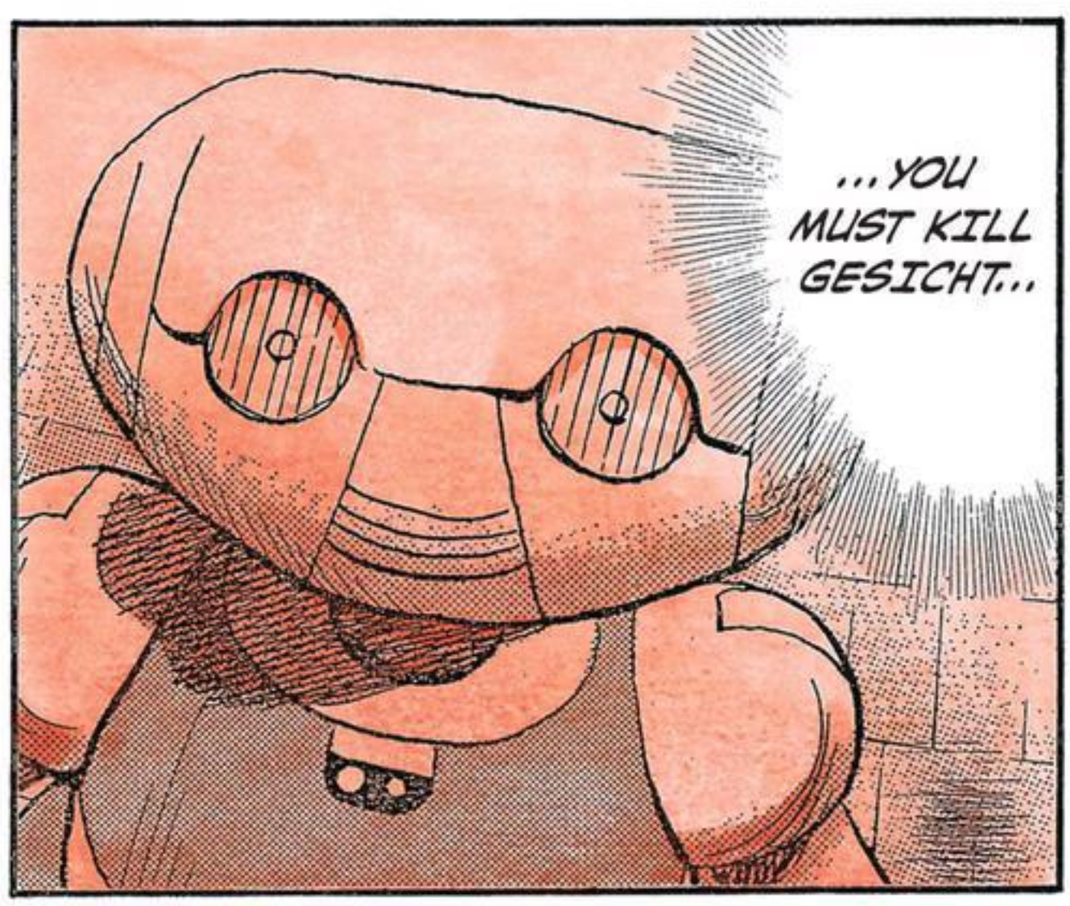
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PRO-TECTING ME!!

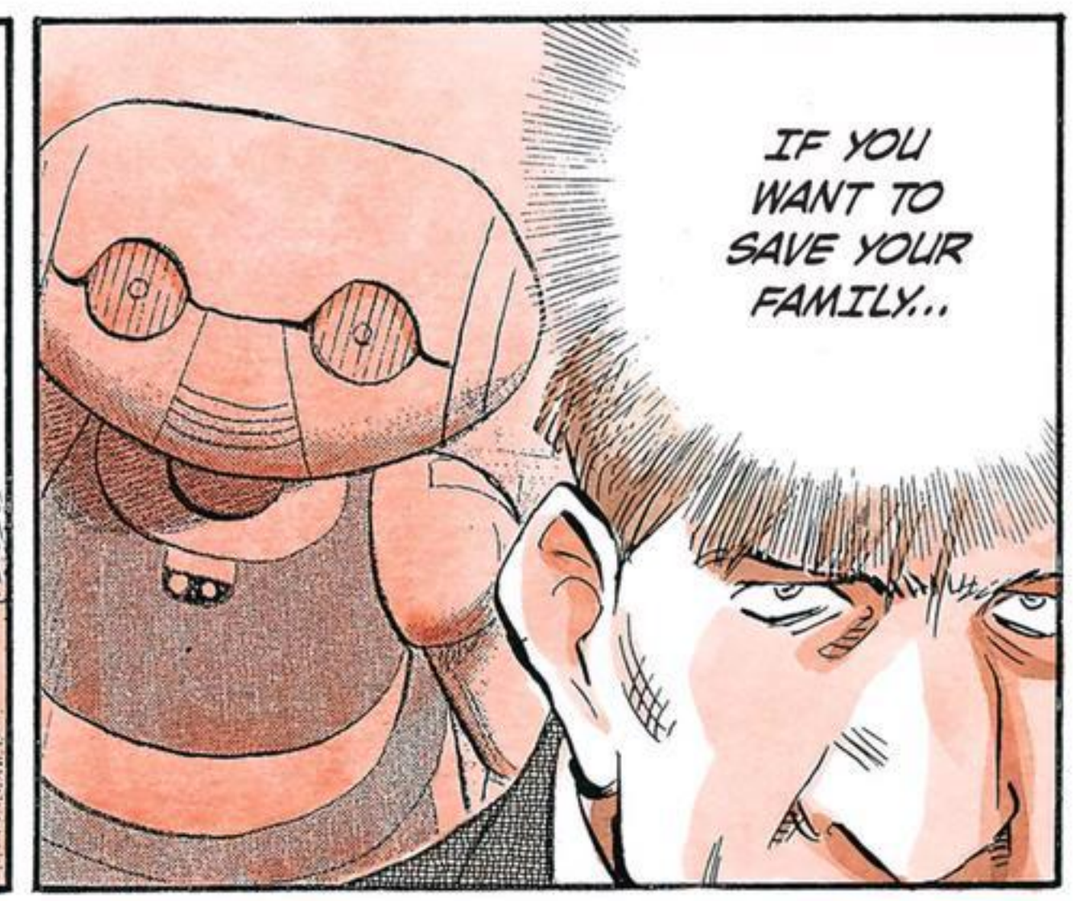
YOU'RE DERELICT IN YOUR DUTY, GESICHT!

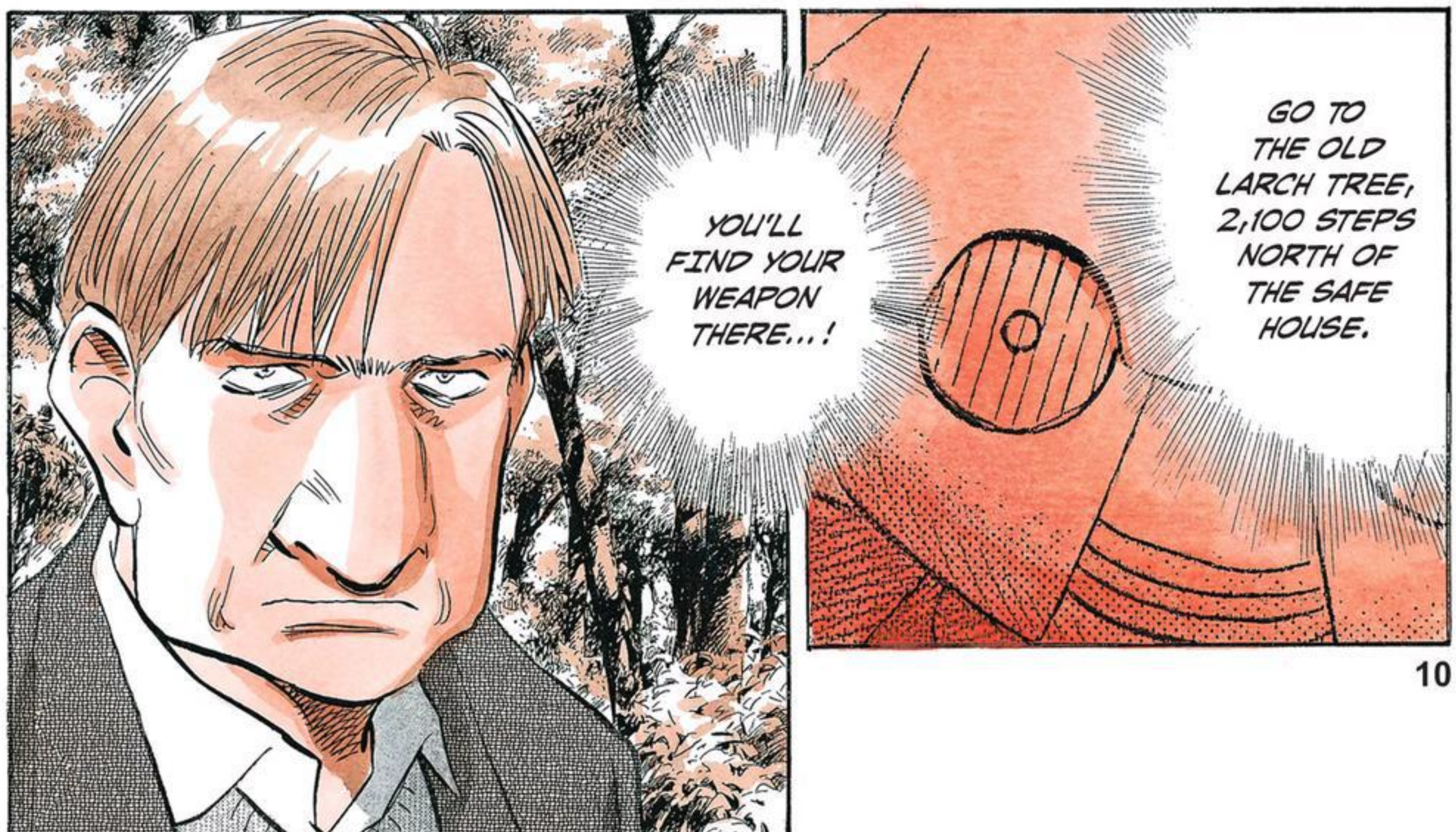
VWSH

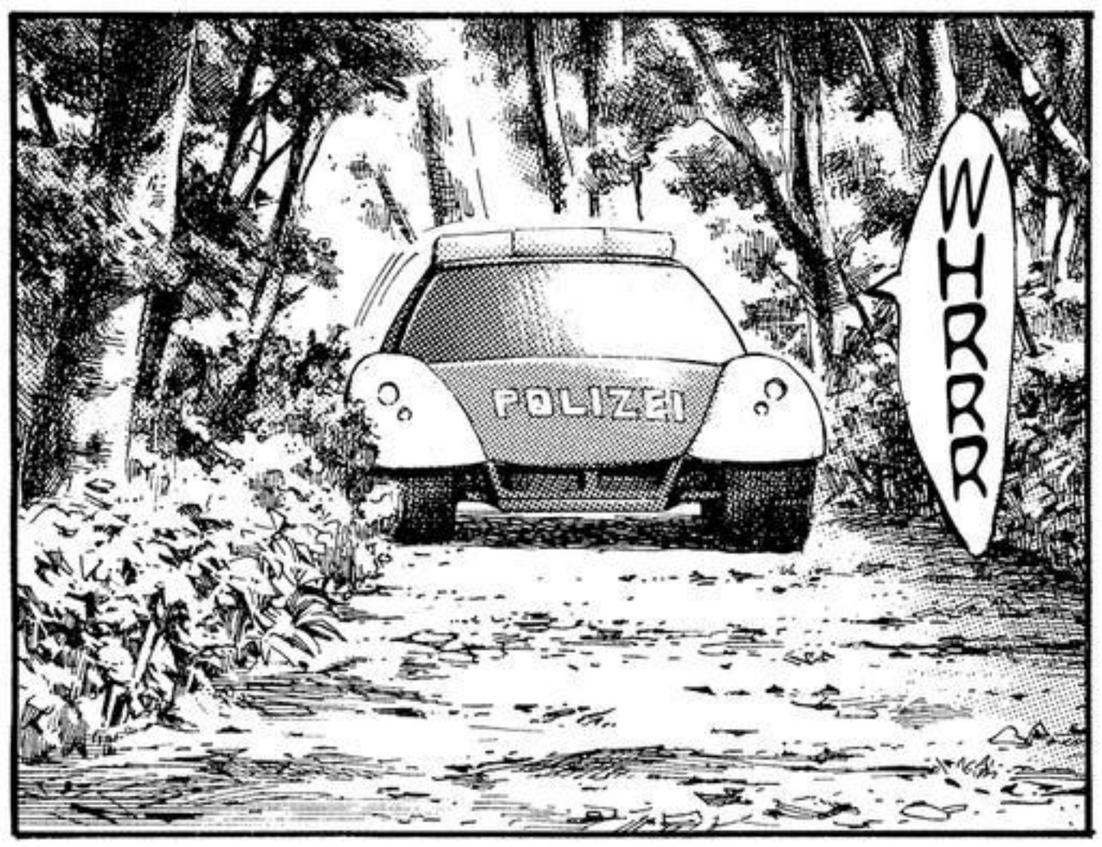
FSH

COUGH
COUGH


...YOU
MUST KILL
GESICHT...


IF YOU
WANT TO
SAVE YOUR
FAMILY...


YOU'LL
FIND YOUR
WEAPON
THERE...!
GO TO
THE OLD
LARCH TREE,
2,100 STEPS
NORTH OF
THE SAFE
HOUSE.


WHRRR
POLIZEI

HANS !!

DAD!!

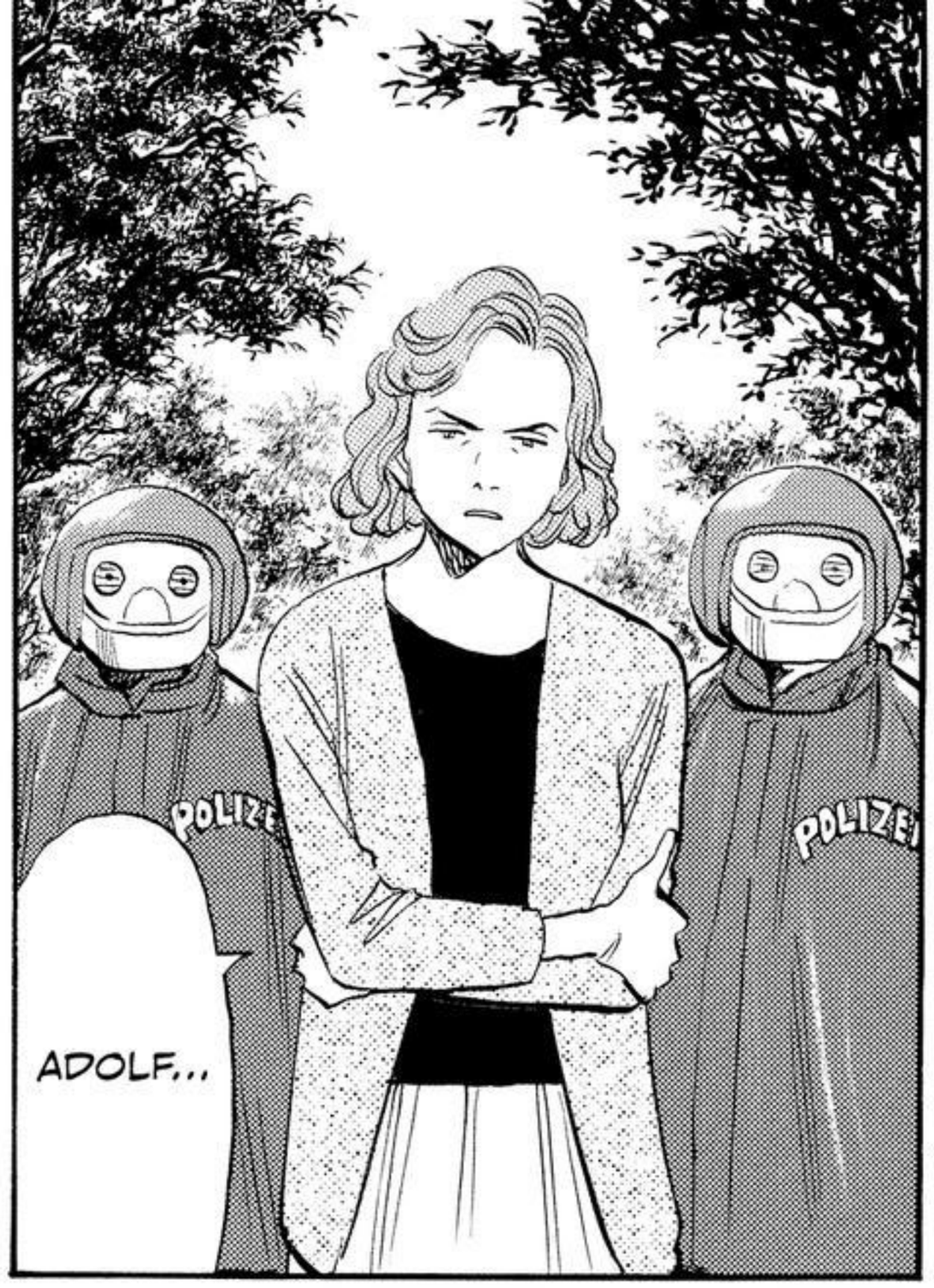
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT GUY.

BUT WHERE'S INSPECTOR GESICHT?

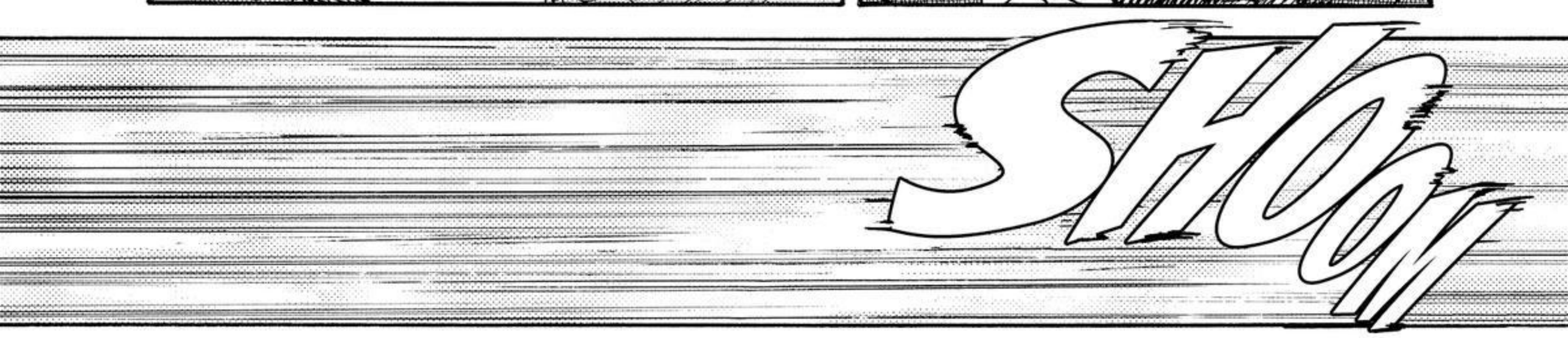
THANK GOD YOU'RE SAFE...

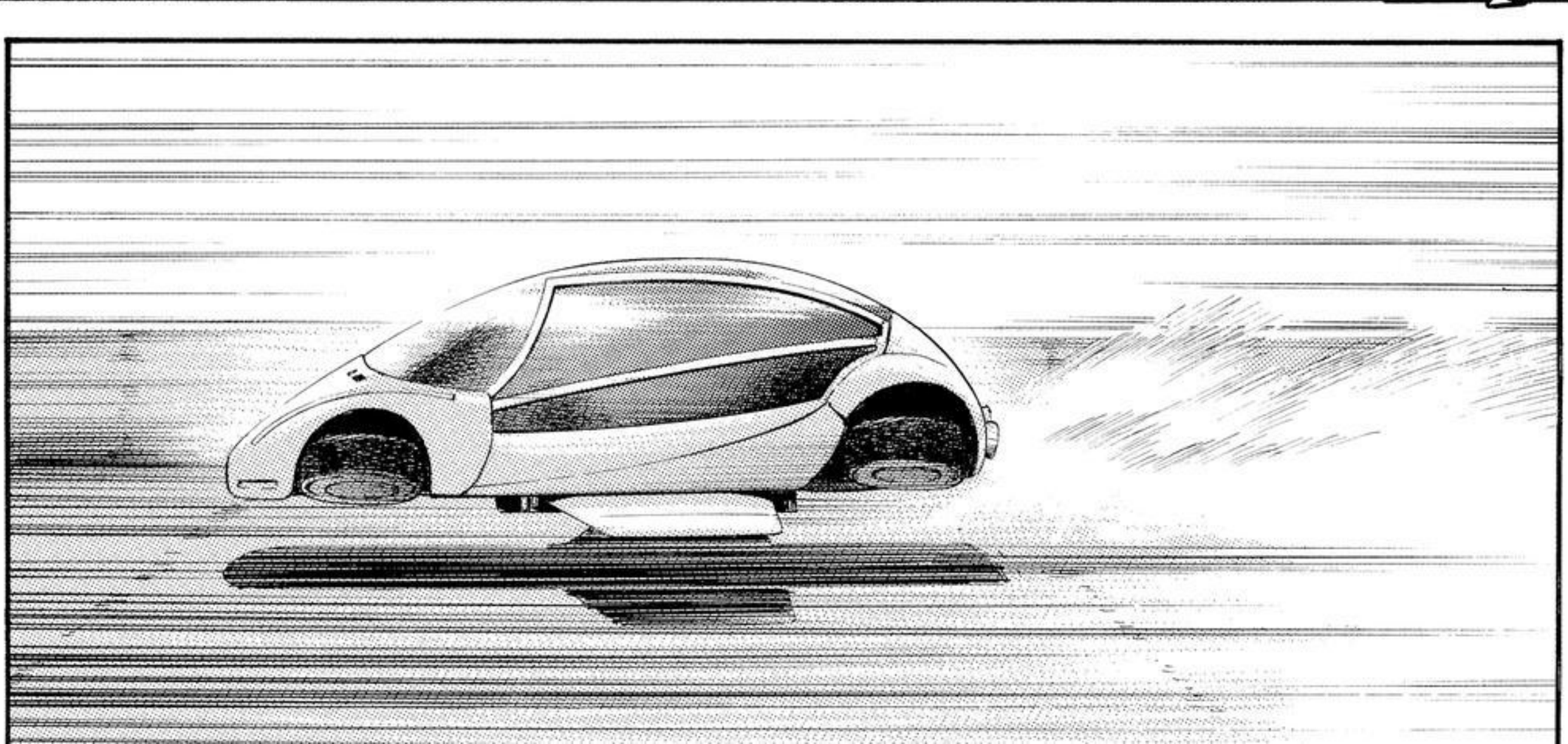
JUST TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.
ILSA... I'M SORRY FOR--

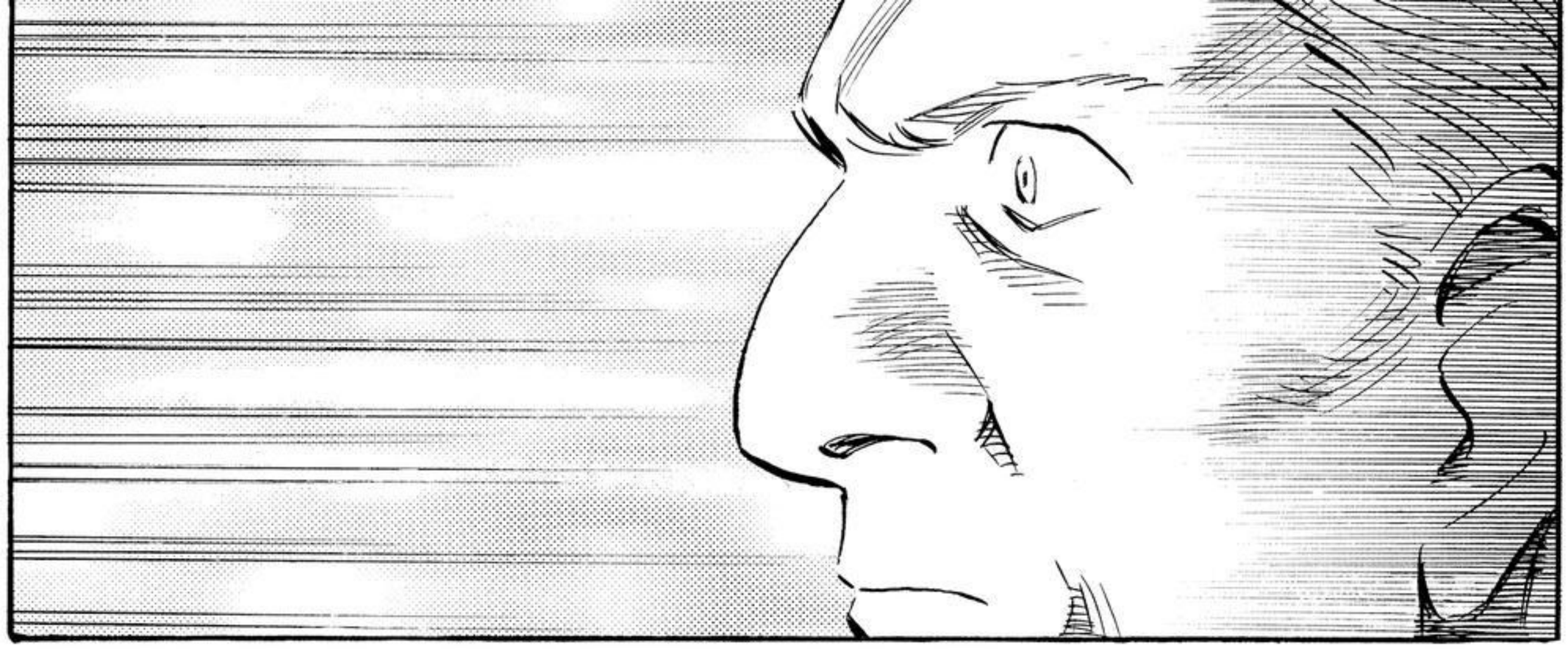
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO US, ADOLF?

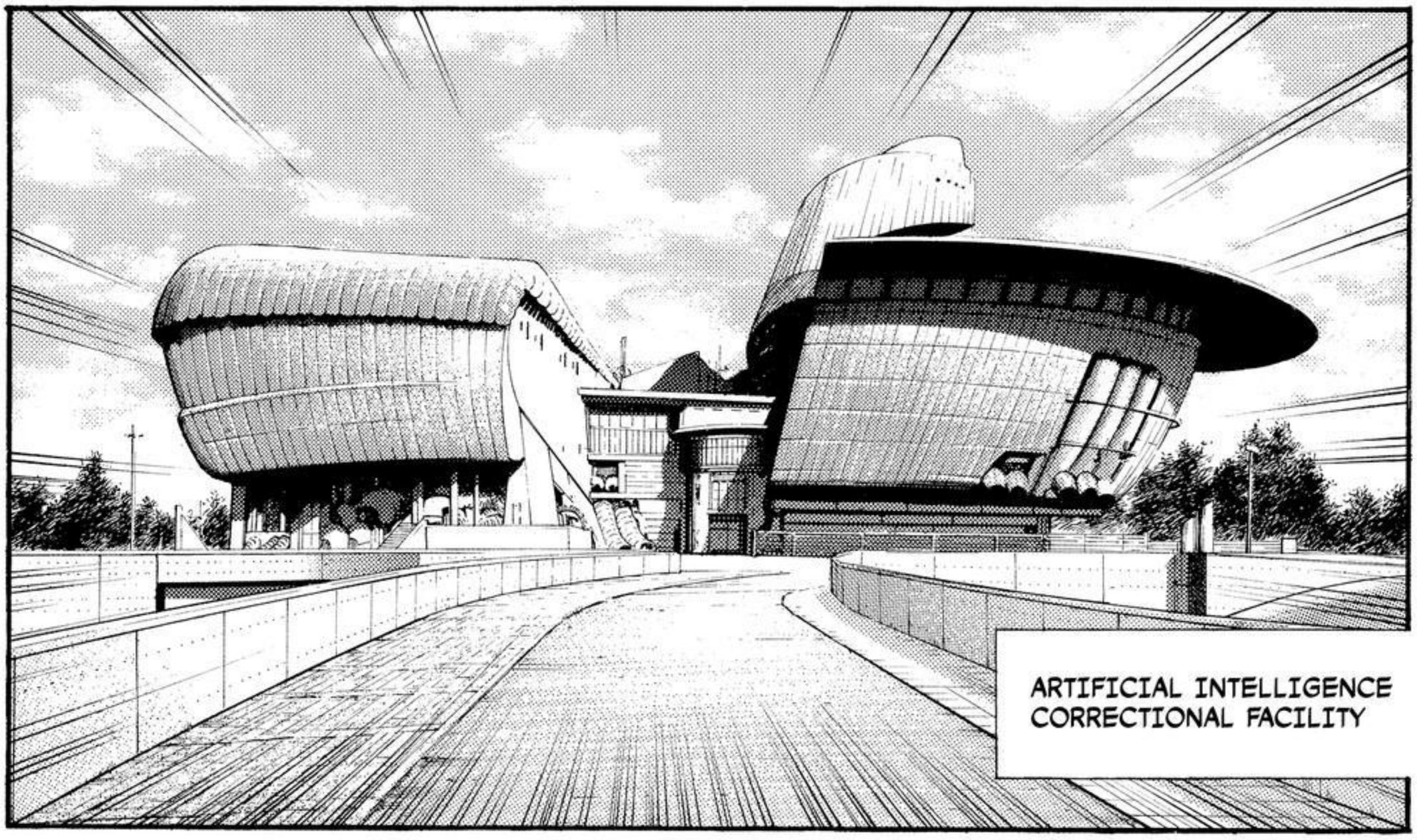

POLIZE
POLIZE
ADOLF...

WHAT ON EARTH HAVE YOU DONE?!

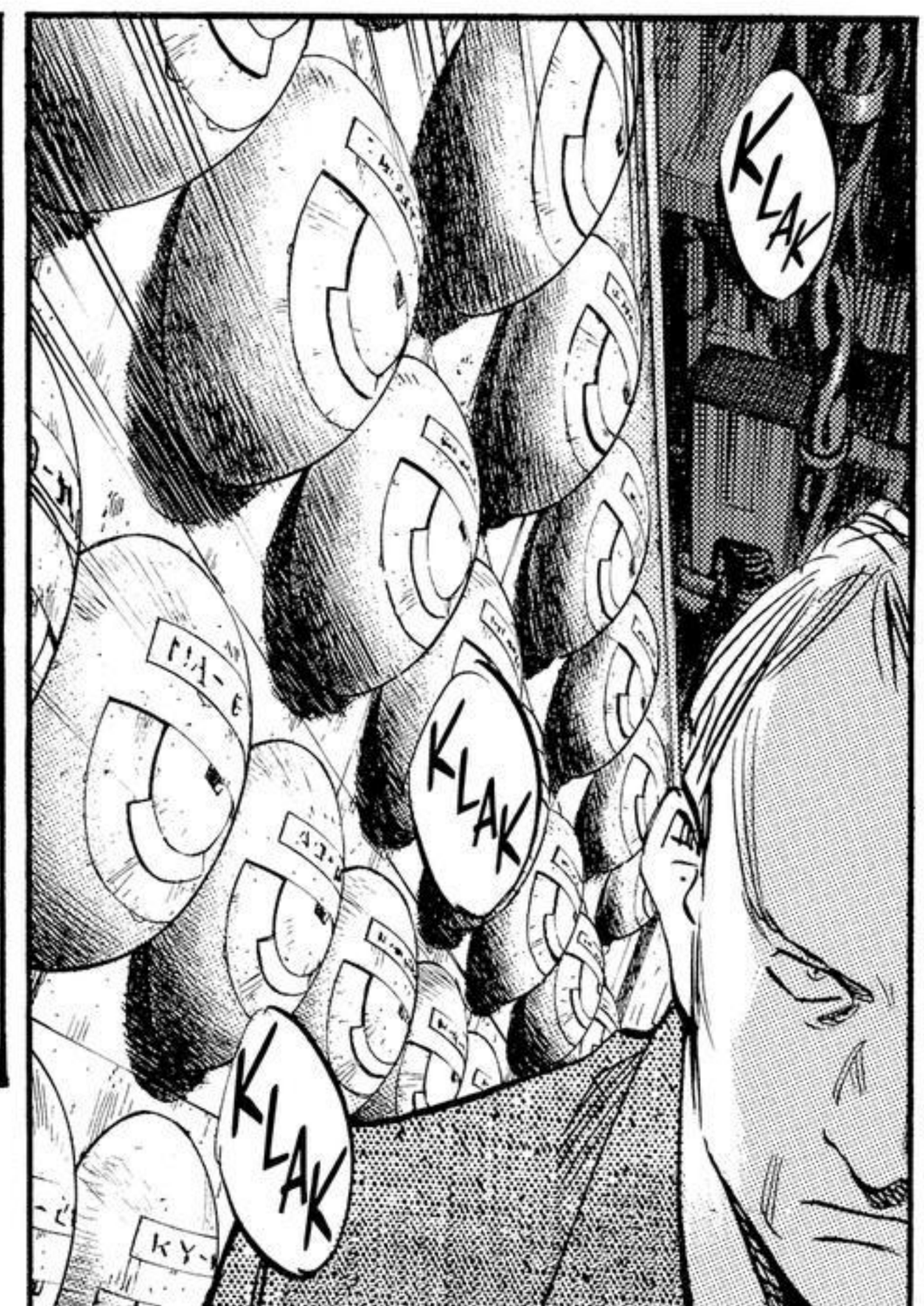

SHOOT

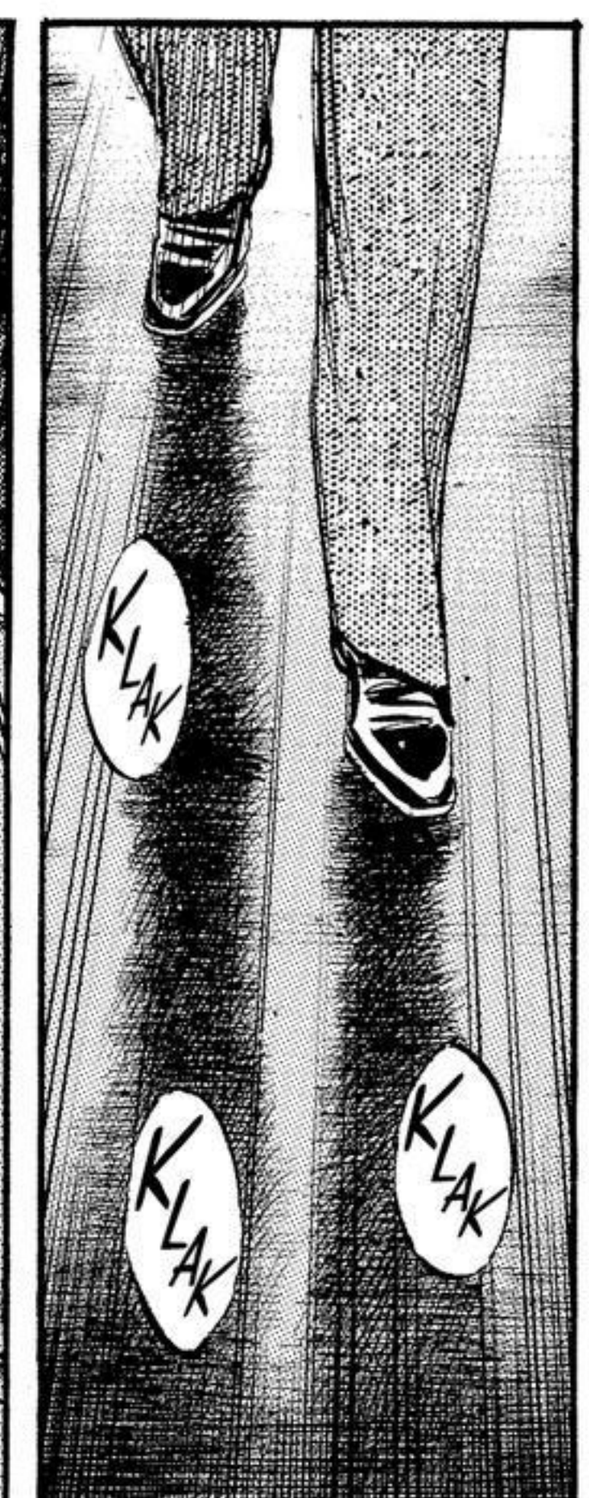





ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

BACK AGAIN, EH?


KLAK
KLAK
KLAK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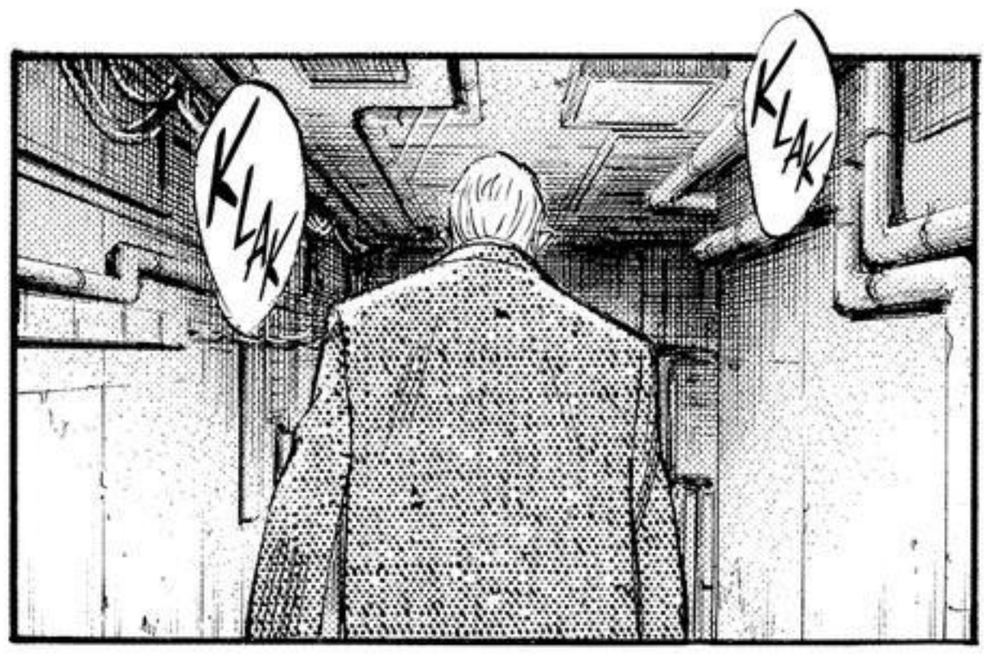
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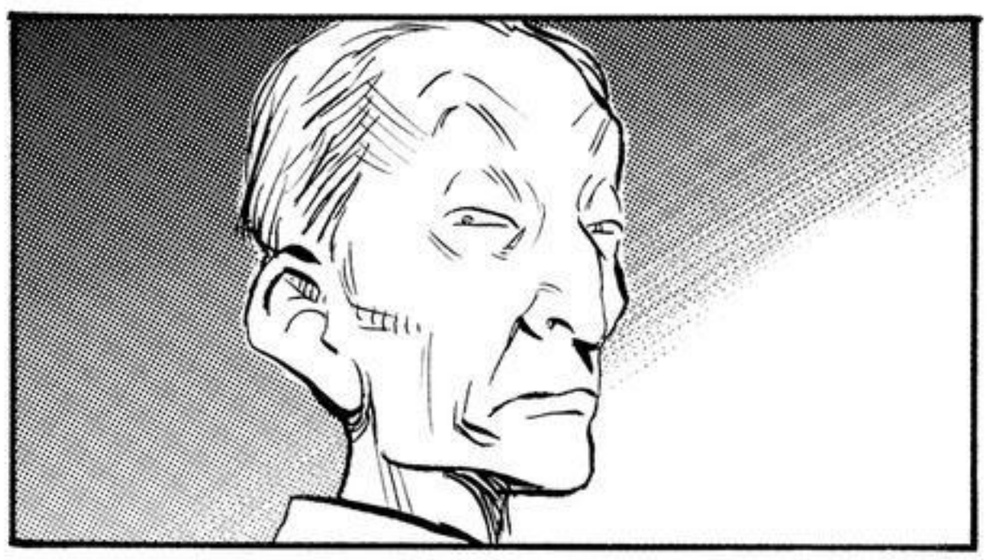
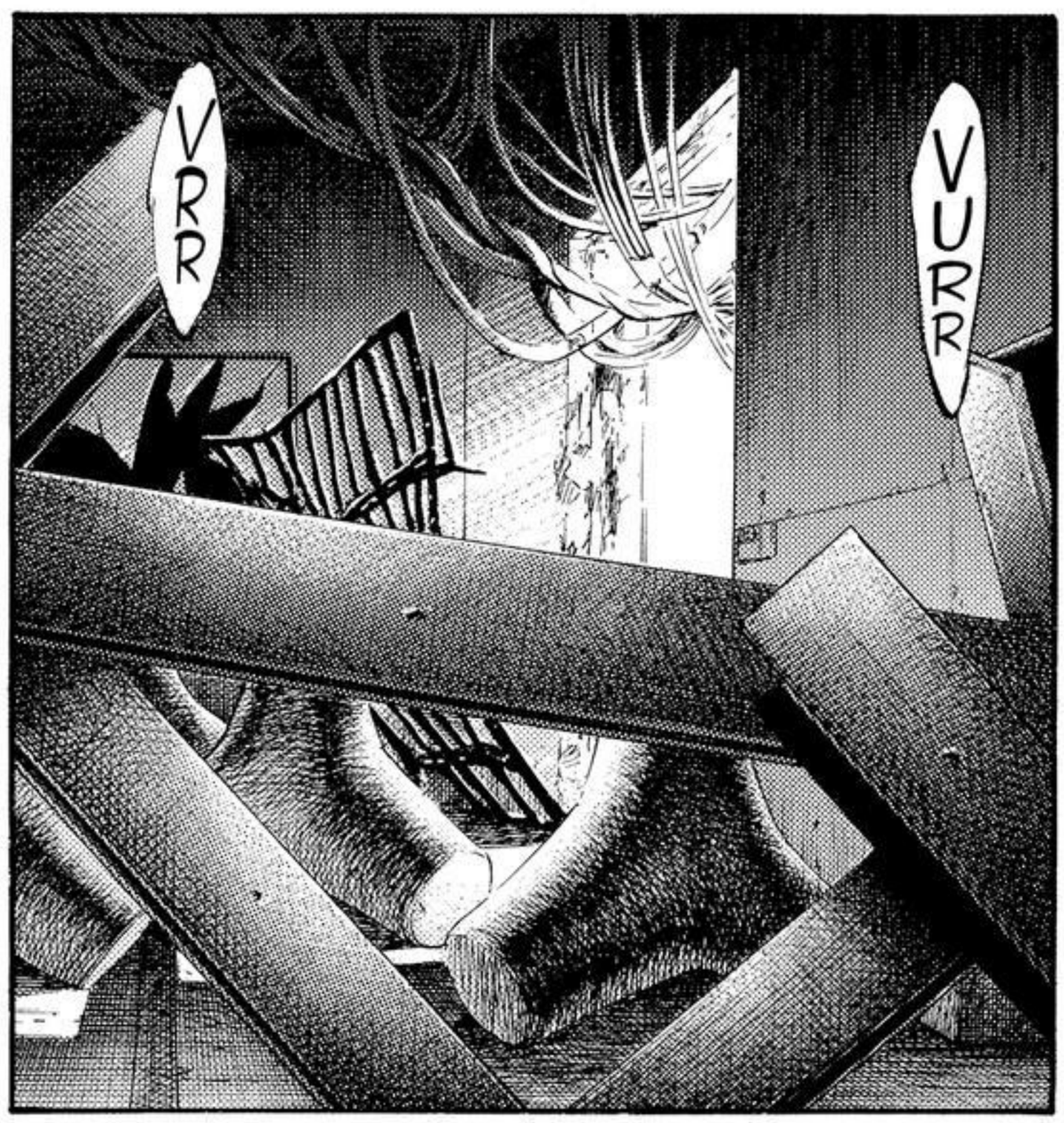
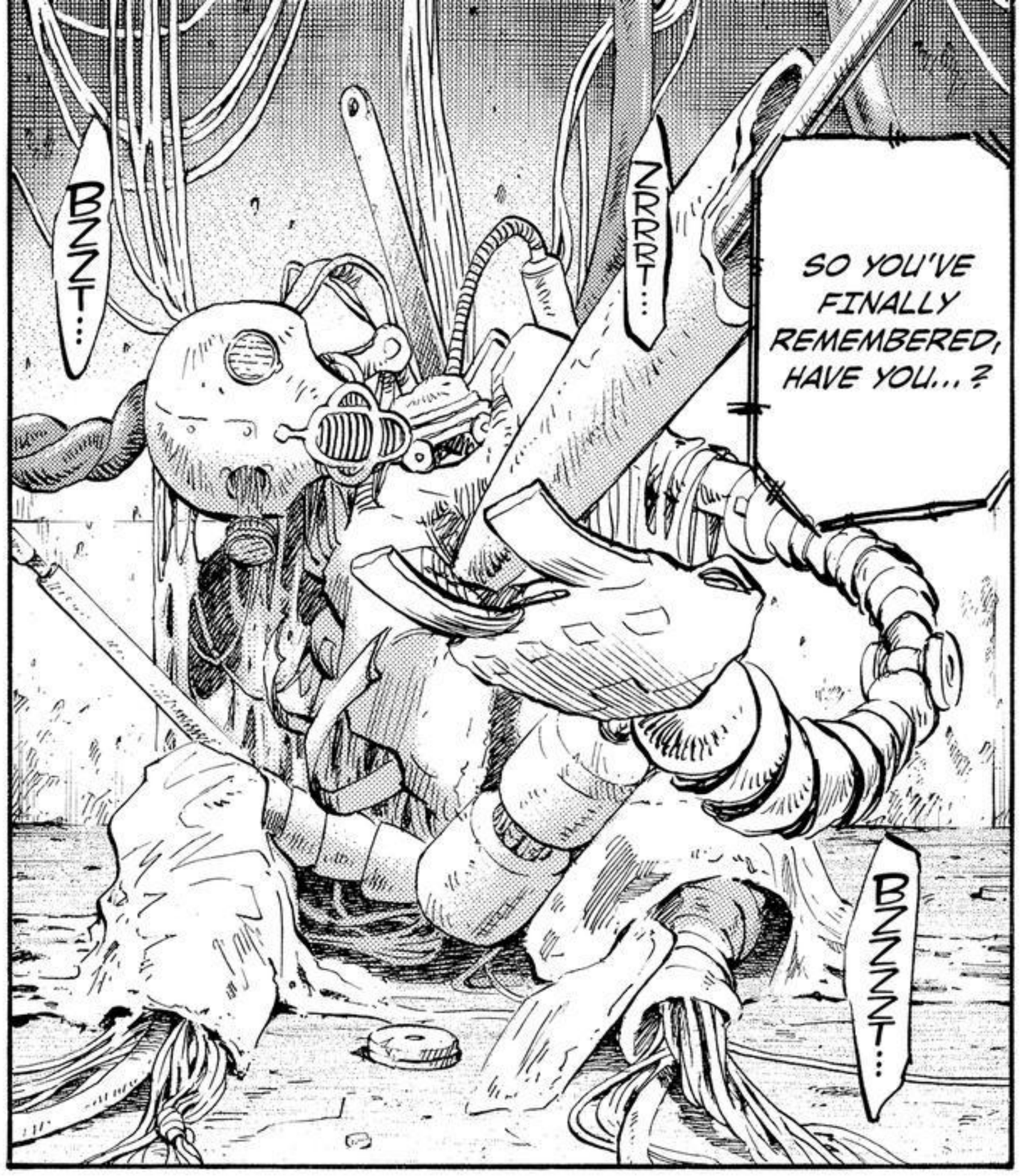


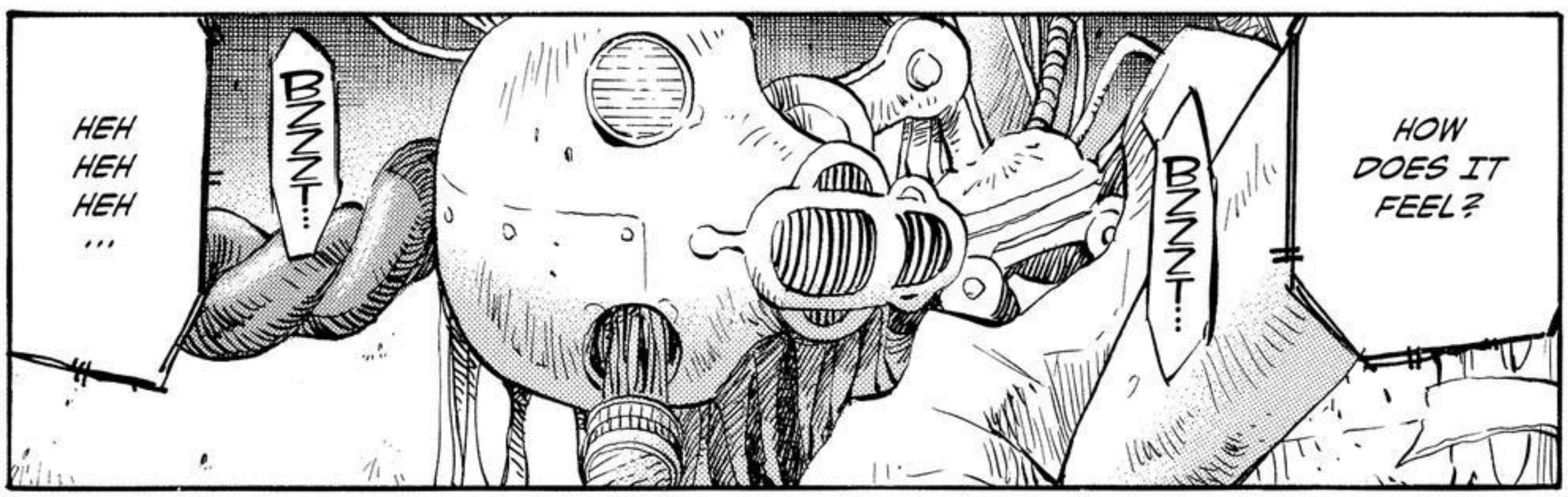
HE'S BEEN EXPECTING YOU...
KLAK
KLAK

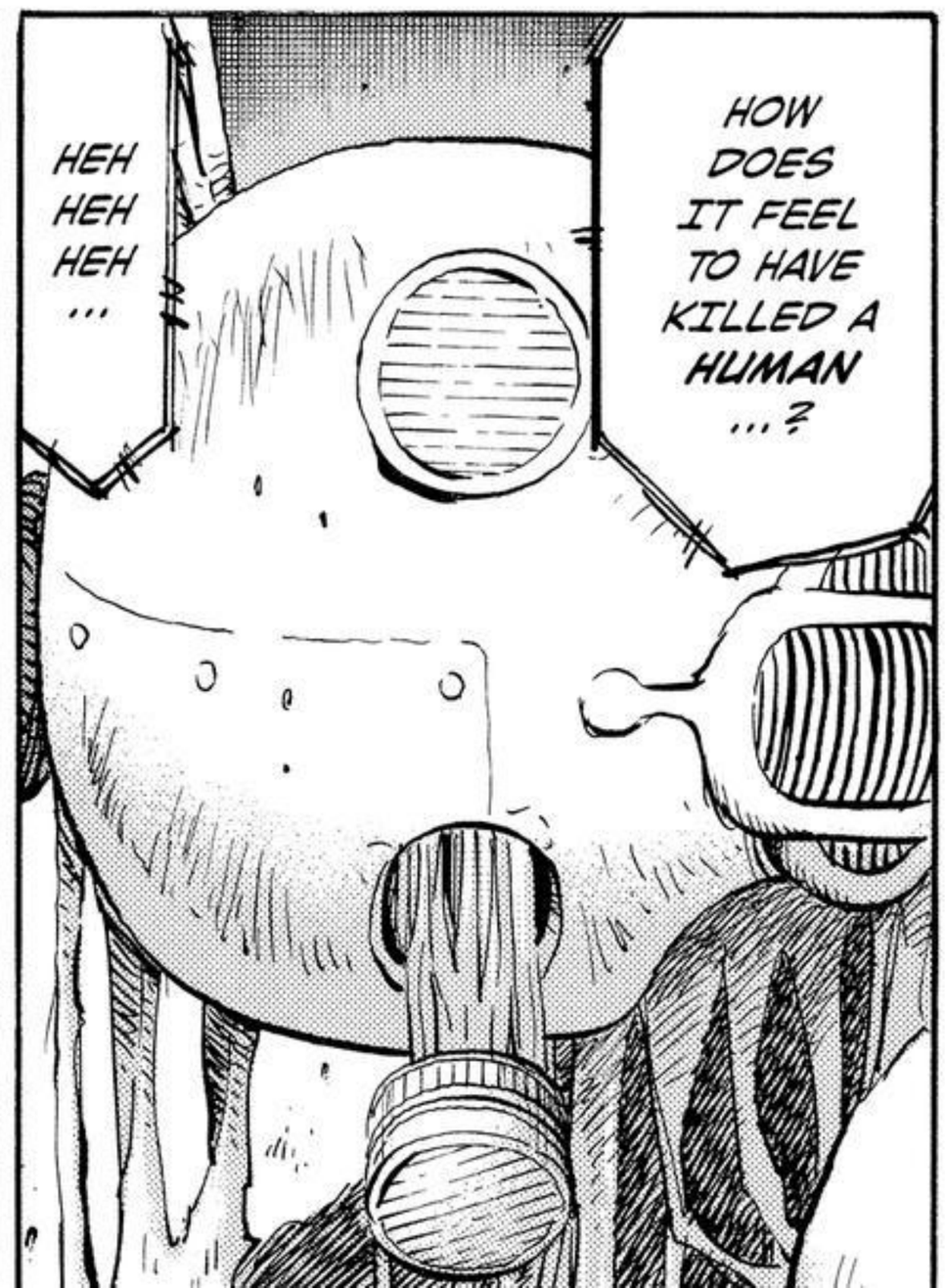
NNT...
BNNT...


VRR
VURR

VRRRT
BNNT...
AH, HERE YOU ARE.


BZZZT...
ZRRRT...
SO YOU'VE FINALLY REMEMBERED, HAVE YOU...?
BZZZZT...


HEH HEH HEH ...
BZZZZT...
BZZZZT...
HOW DOES IT FEEL?


HEH HEH HEH ...
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE KILLED A HUMAN ...?

WOW!!

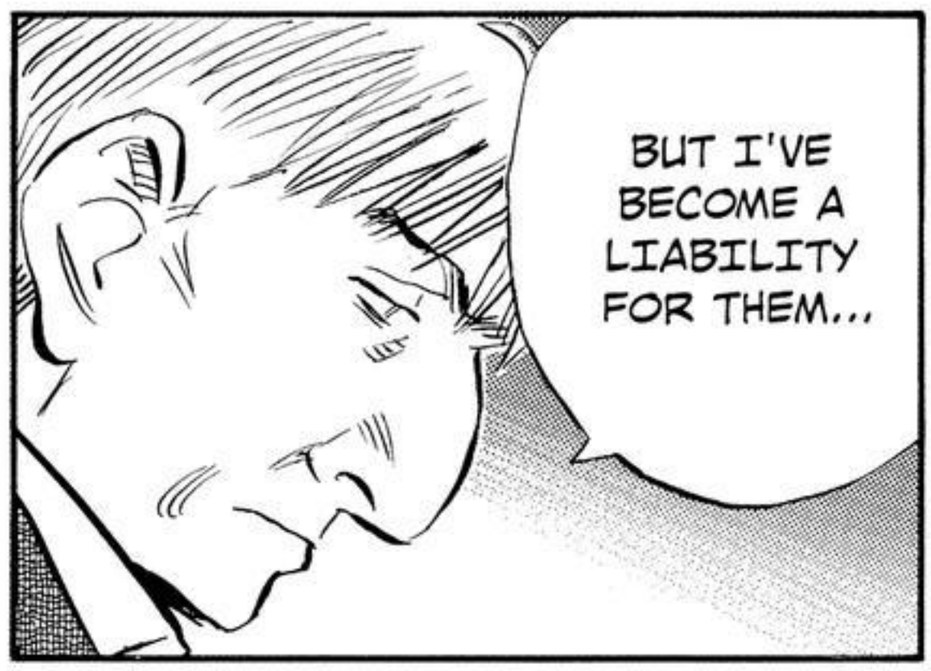
AND THERE'S A *GYM* SET UP OVER HERE!!

PLEASE, HANS... BE *QUIET*!!

CHECK OUT THE BASEMENT!! IT'S LIKE A BOMB SHELTER!

THE SECURITY-BOT SAID THERE'RE NO LISTENING DEVICES, BUT IF ANY OF THIS HAS BEEN OVERHEARD ...

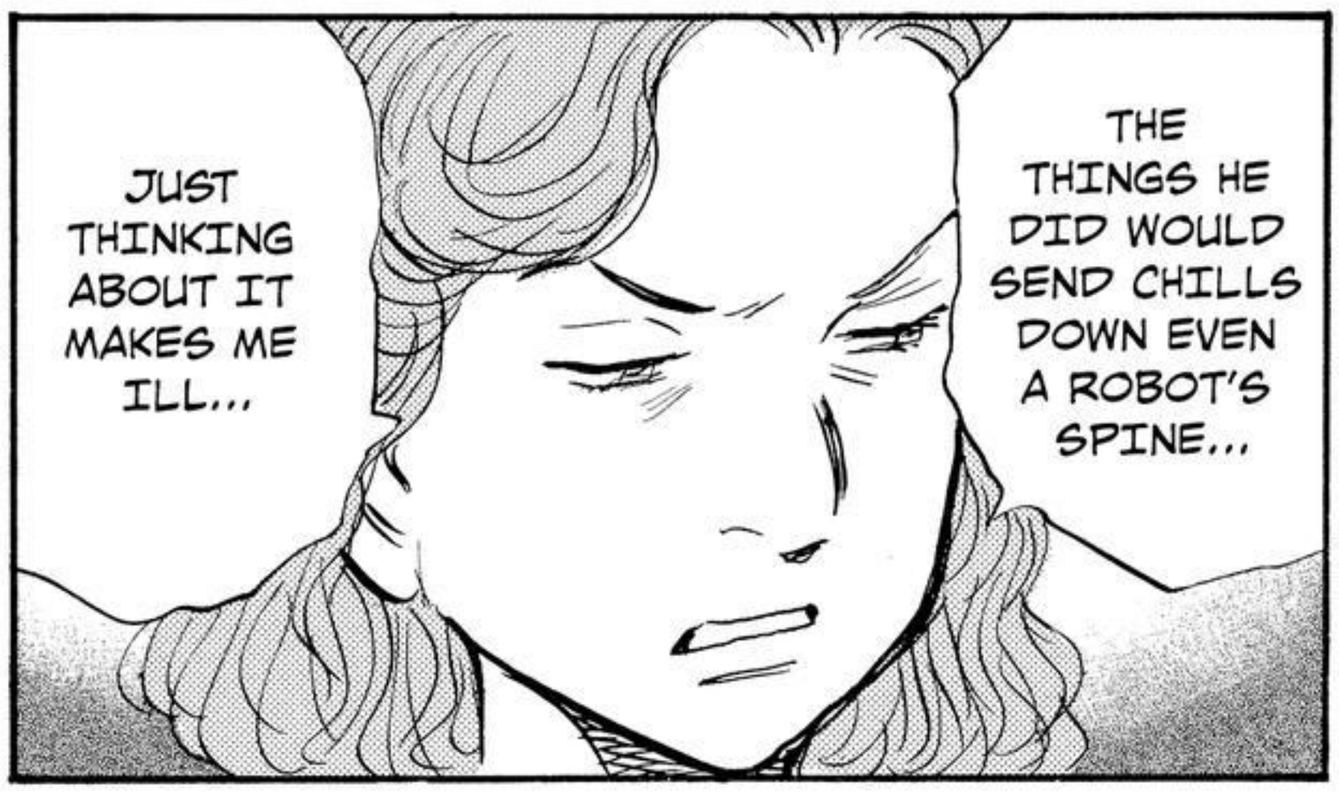
INCREDIBLE ...

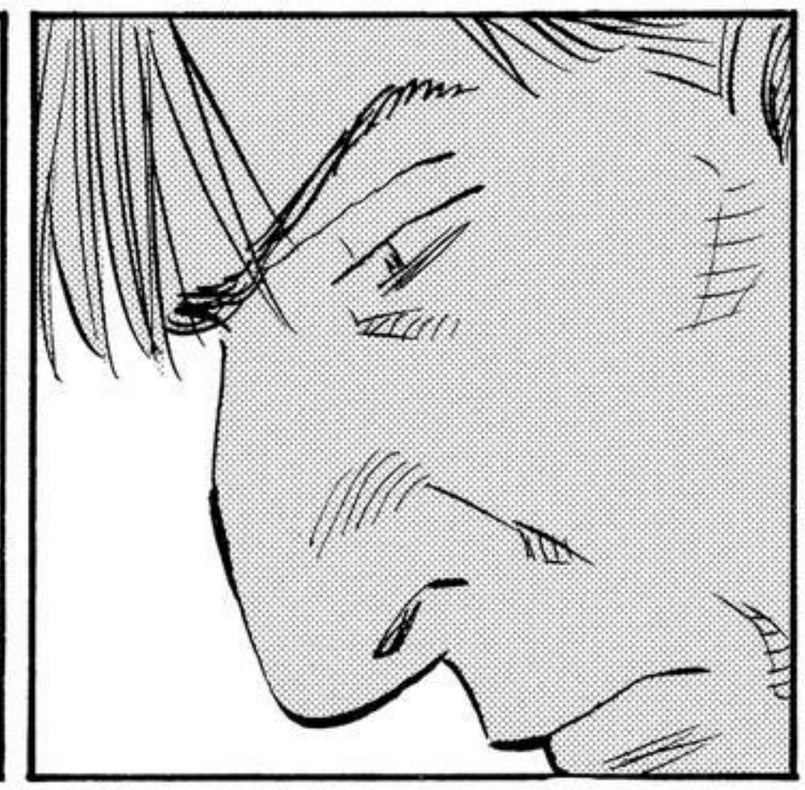


MAYBE GESICHT *DID* KILL A HUMAN!

UNDER-STAND?! ARE YOU KIDDING?

AND IT'S NOT JUST THE NUMBER...
I CAN'T BEGIN TO COUNT HIS SINS...

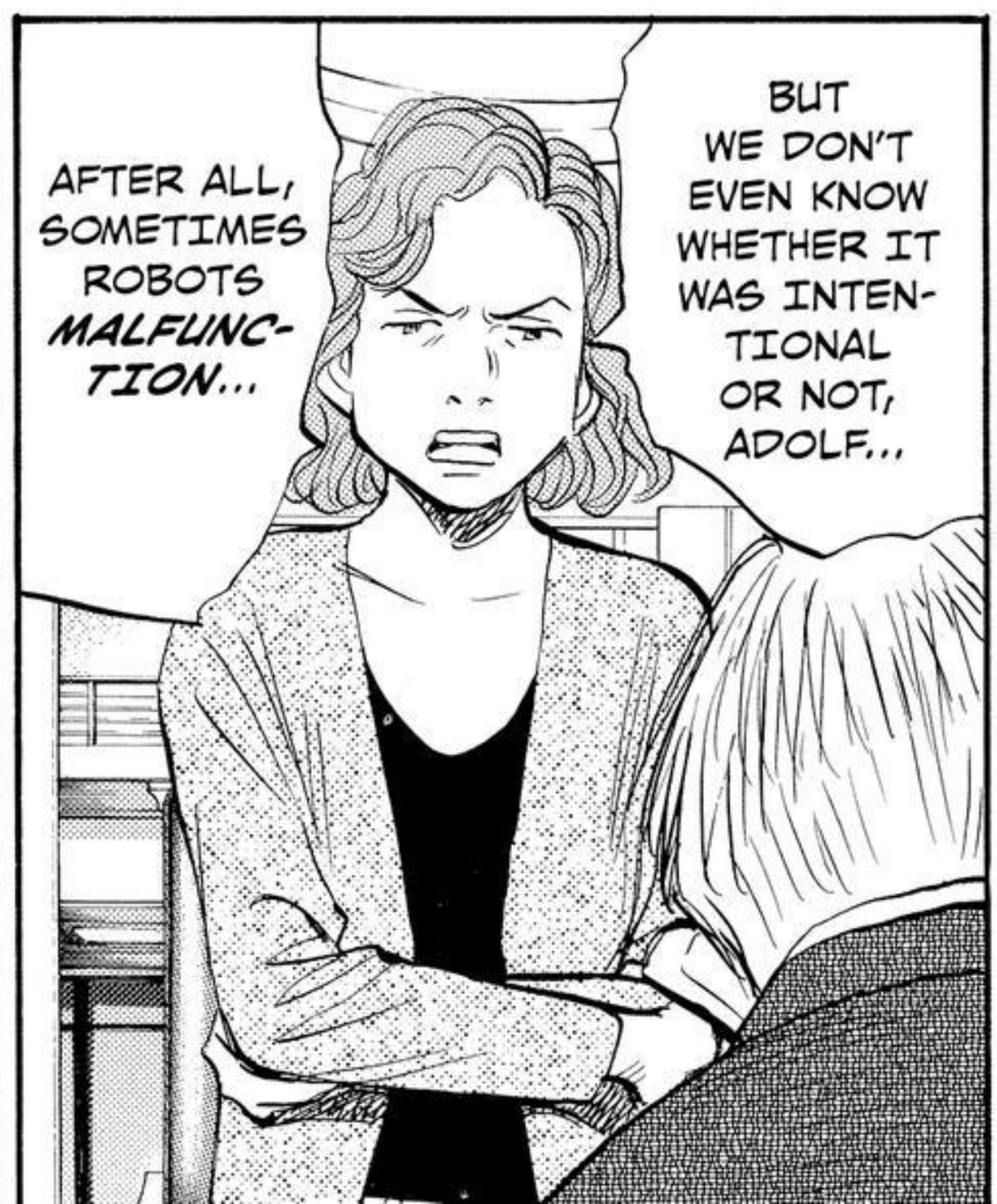

JUST THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES ME ILL...
THE THINGS HE DID WOULD SEND CHILLS DOWN EVEN A ROBOT'S SPINE...



HE DIDN'T DESERVE TO BE KILLED BY A DAMN *ROBOT.*
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?

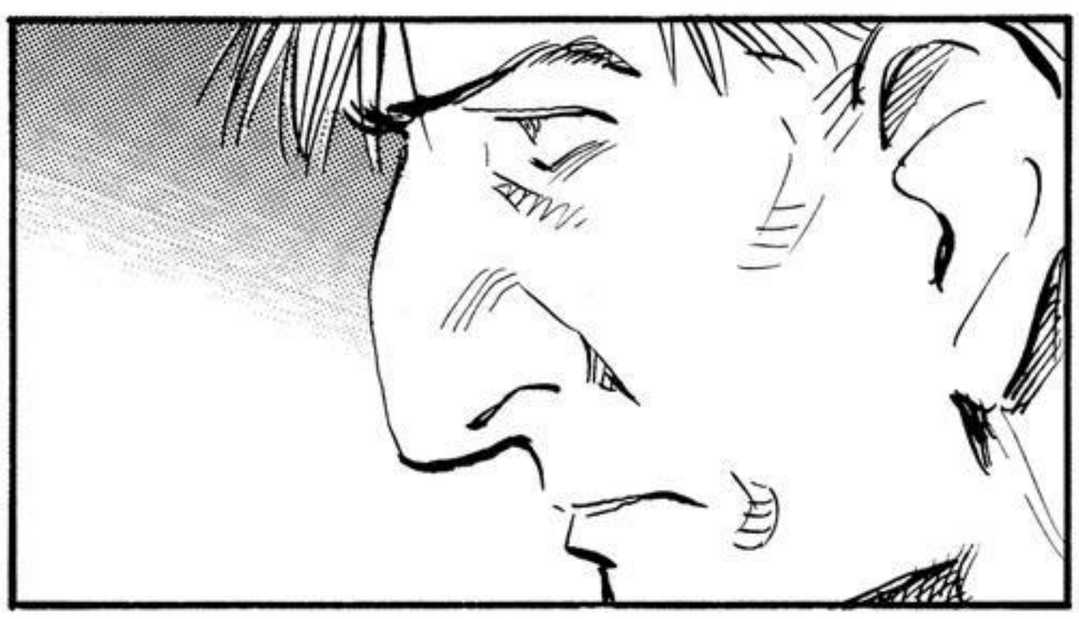
YEAH, MY BROTHER WAS A SICK MAN...

NO...


AFTER ALL, SOMETIMES ROBOTS *MALFUNC-TION...*
BUT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER IT WAS INTEN-TIONAL OR NOT, ADOLF...

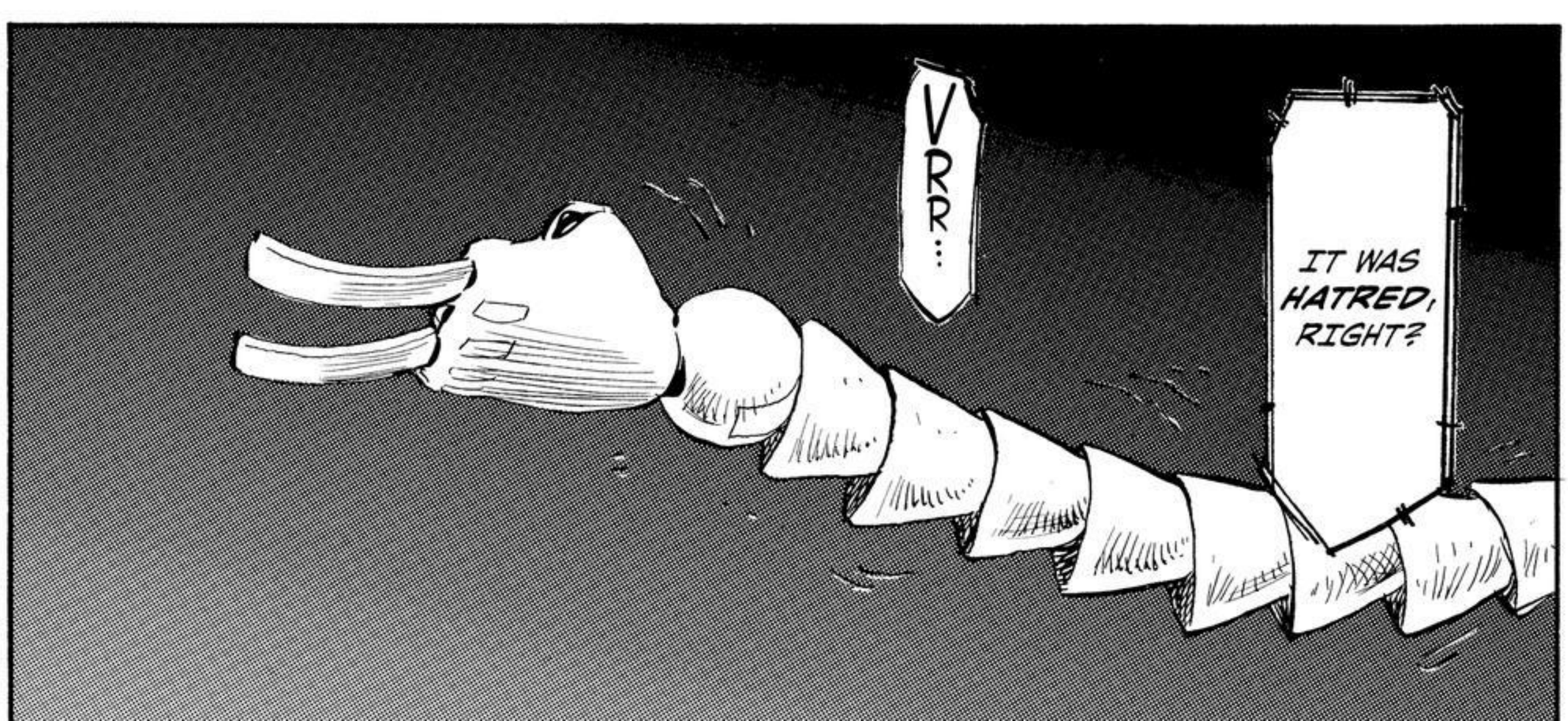
I THINK GESICHT WAS JUST DOING HIS DUTY.
AND YOUR BROTHER PUT UP A HUGE FIGHT.

YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?



GESICHT'S JUST A ROBOT, SO THERE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANY EMOTION INVOLVED.

HE DIDN'T KILL YOUR BROTHER OUT OF HATRED, ADOLF!


VRR...
IT WAS HATRED, RIGHT?

BZZZT...

BZZZT...

BZZZRRT...

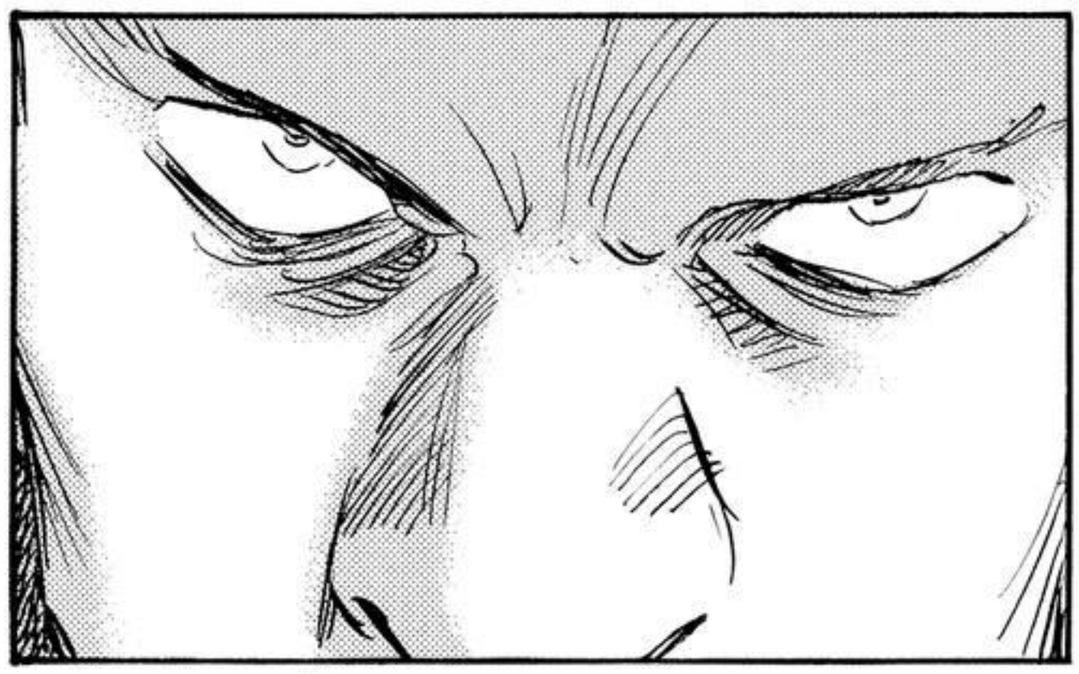
BZZZT...

YOU DID IT OUT OF HATE...

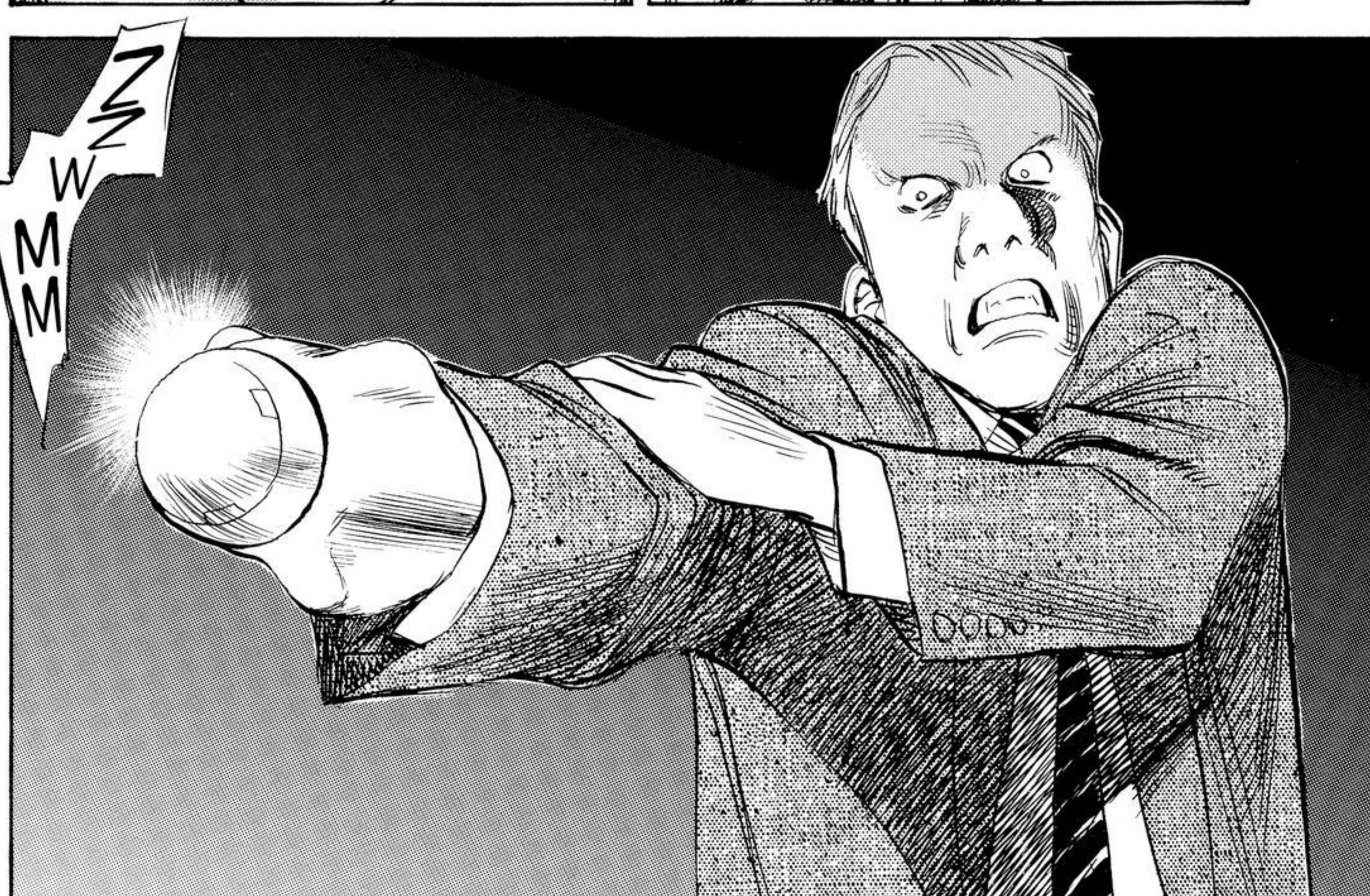
BZZZT...

STOP!!

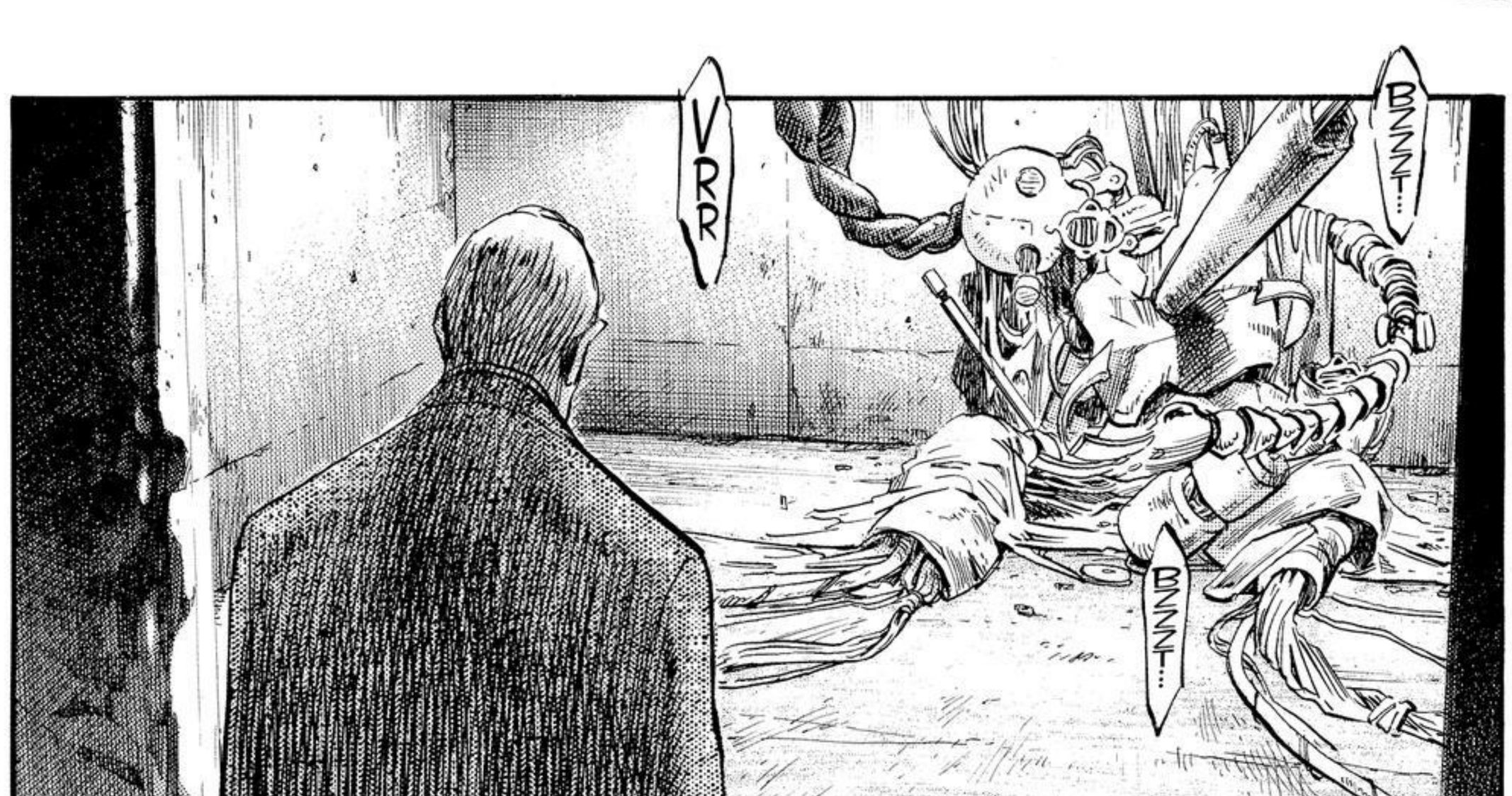
I...
I...
OKAY, I WAS WRONG ...

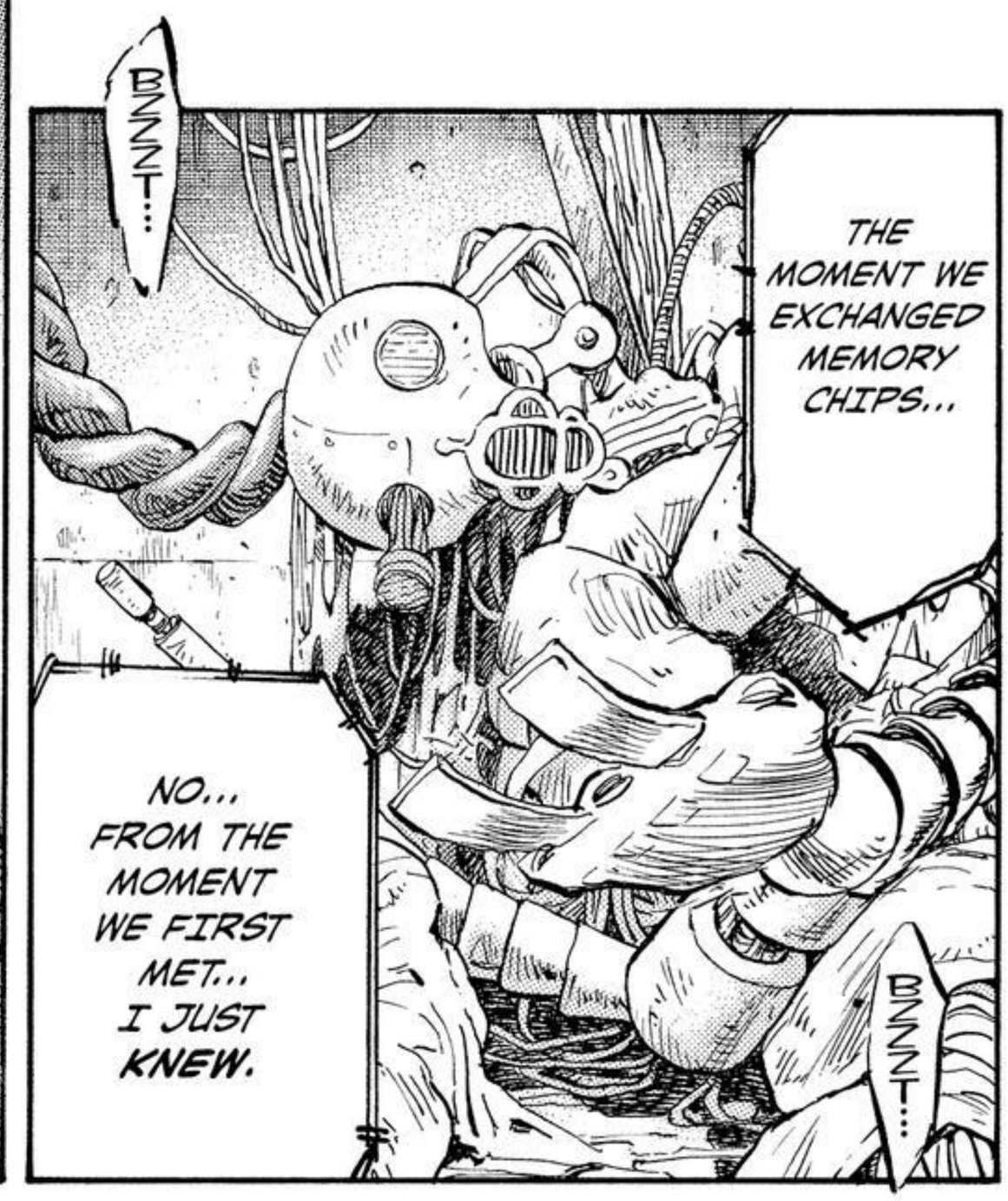


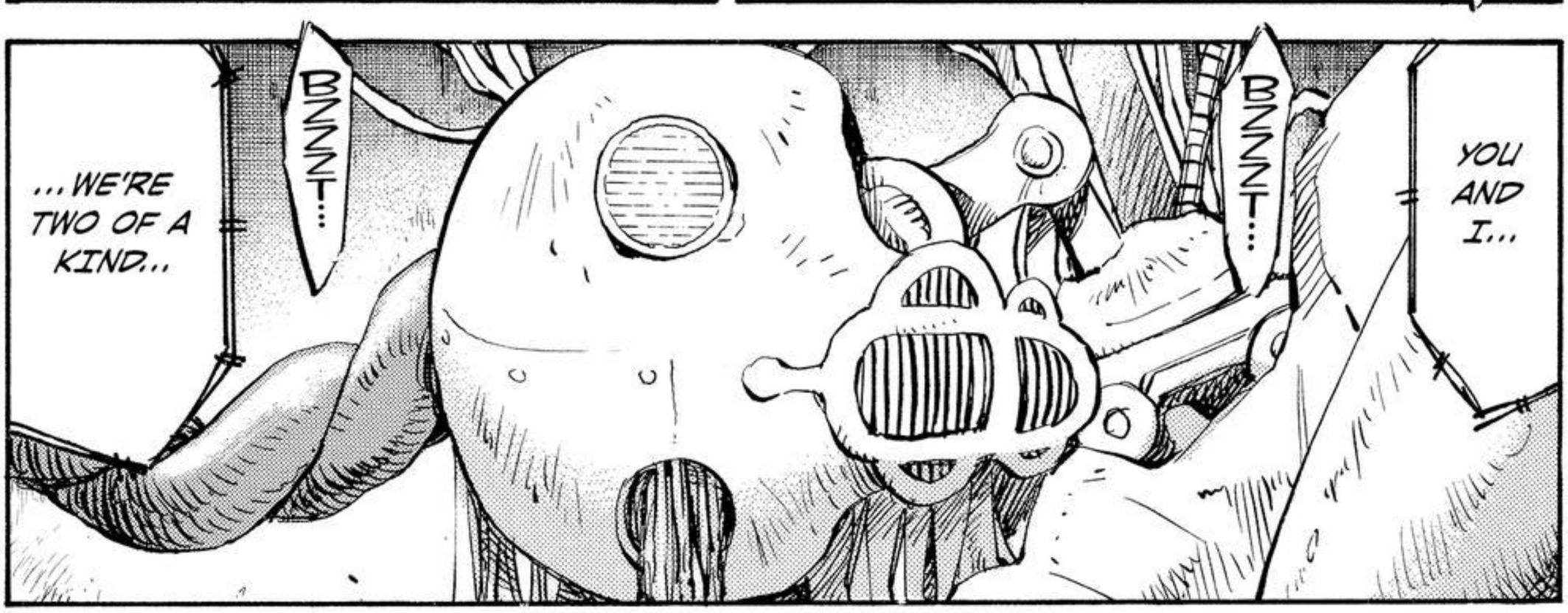
PLEASE ...!!

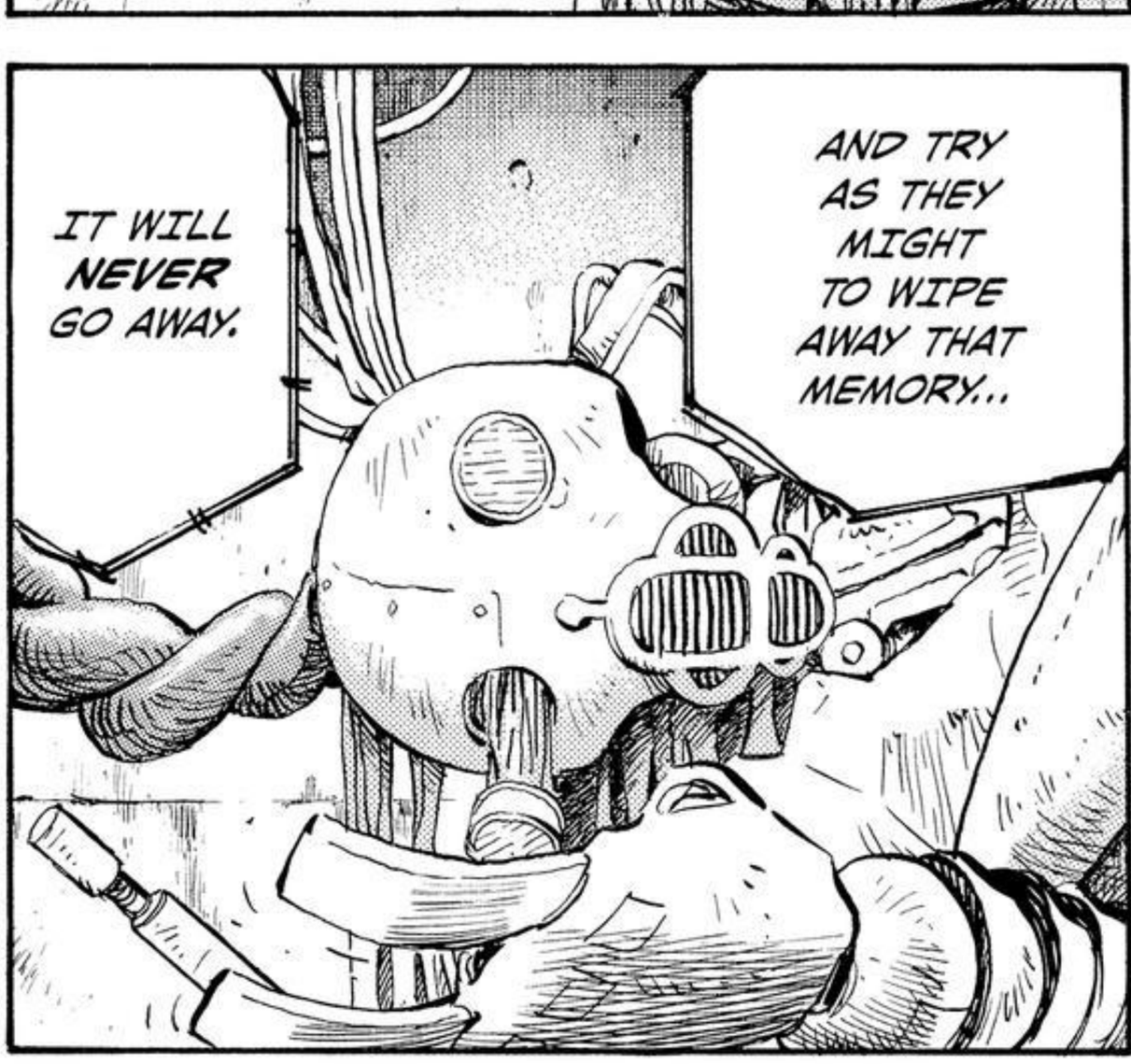

ZZWMM

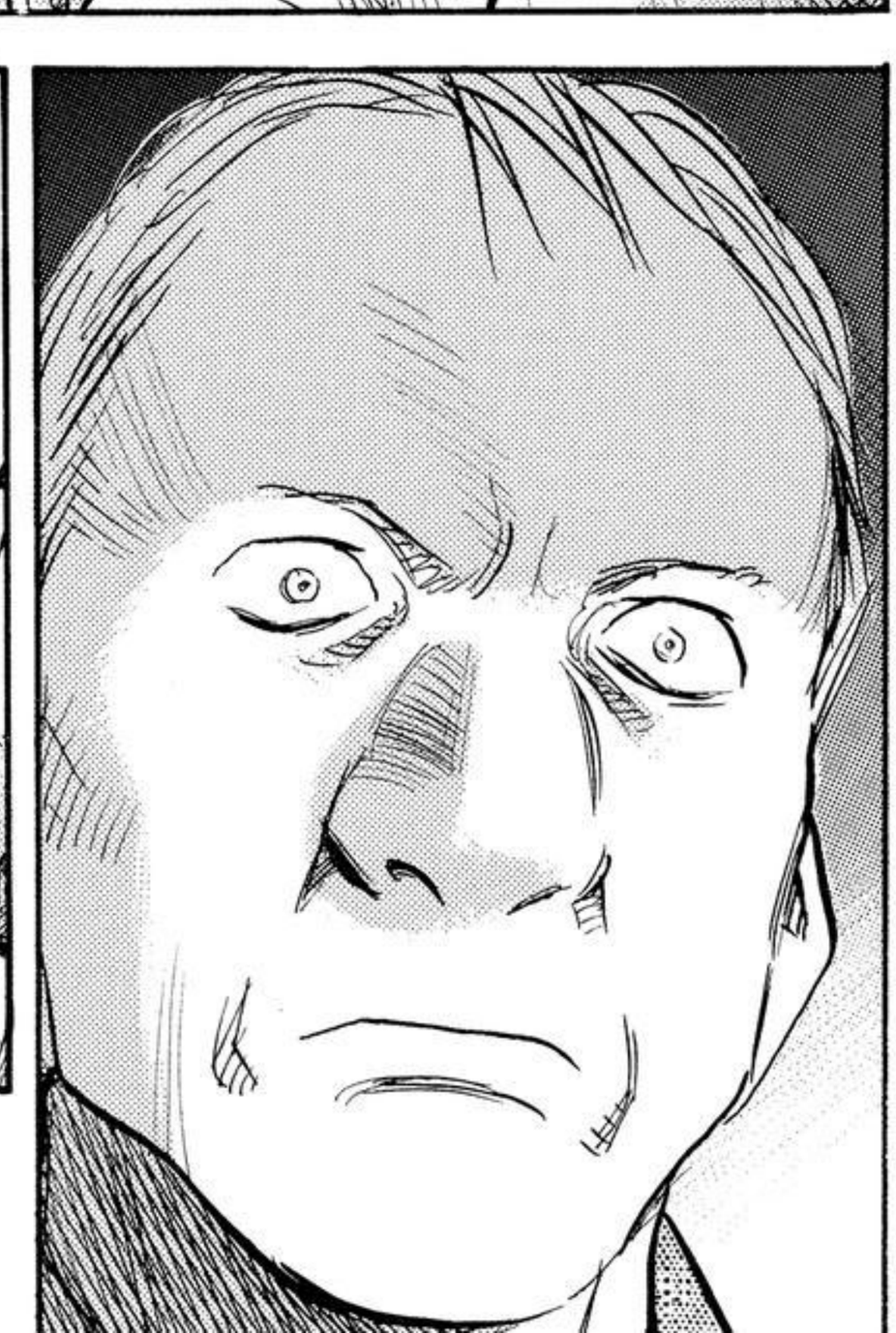
D... DON'T SHOOT --!!

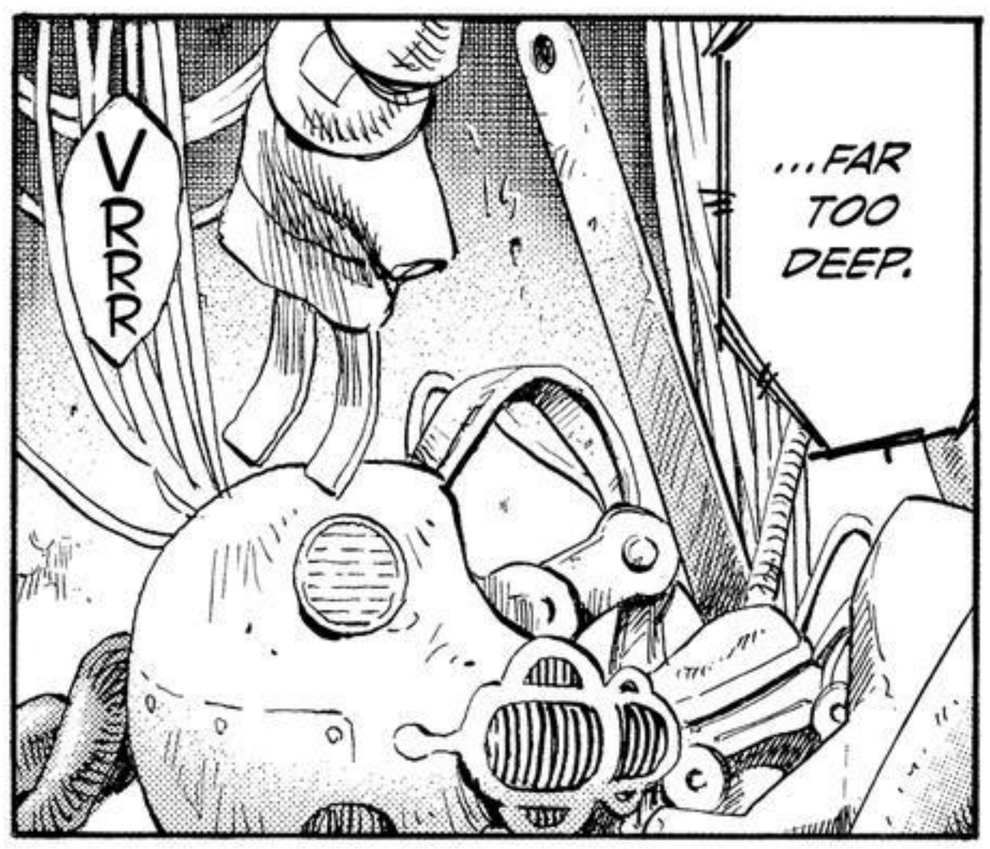


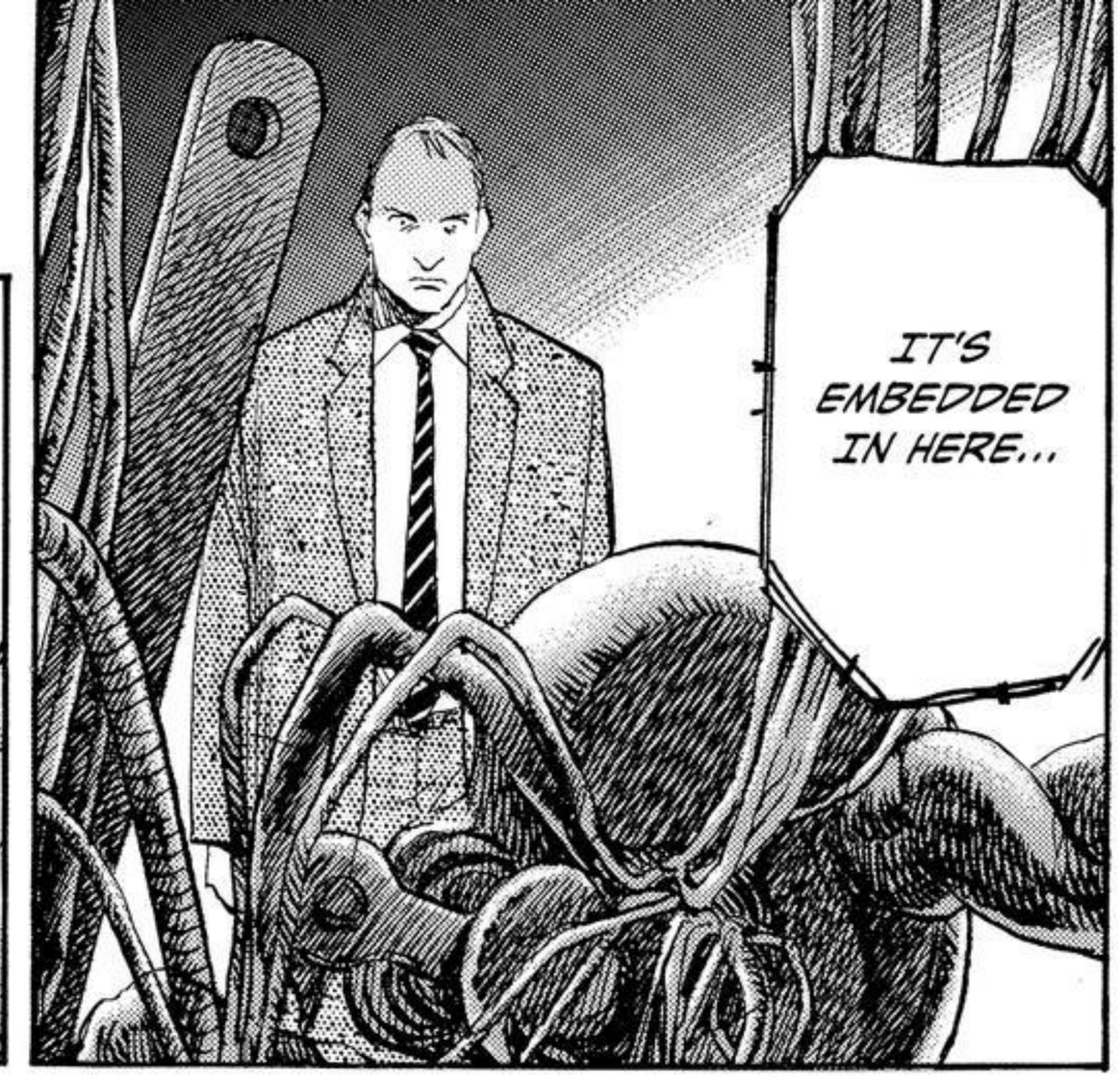

BZZZT...
THE MOMENT WE EXCHANGED MEMORY CHIPS...
NO... FROM THE MOMENT WE FIRST MET... I JUST KNEW.
BZZZT...


...WE'RE TWO OF A KIND...
BZZZT...
BZZZT...
YOU AND I...

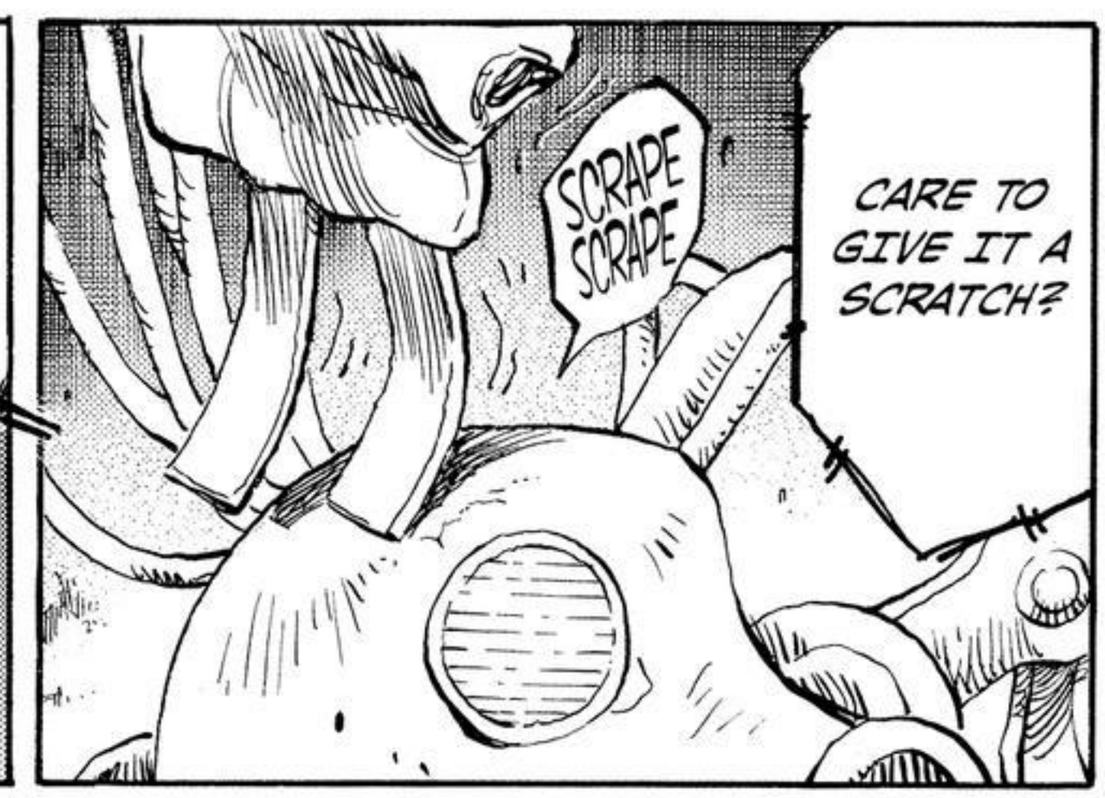

IT WILL NEVER GO AWAY.
AND TRY AS THEY MIGHT TO WIPE AWAY THAT MEMORY...

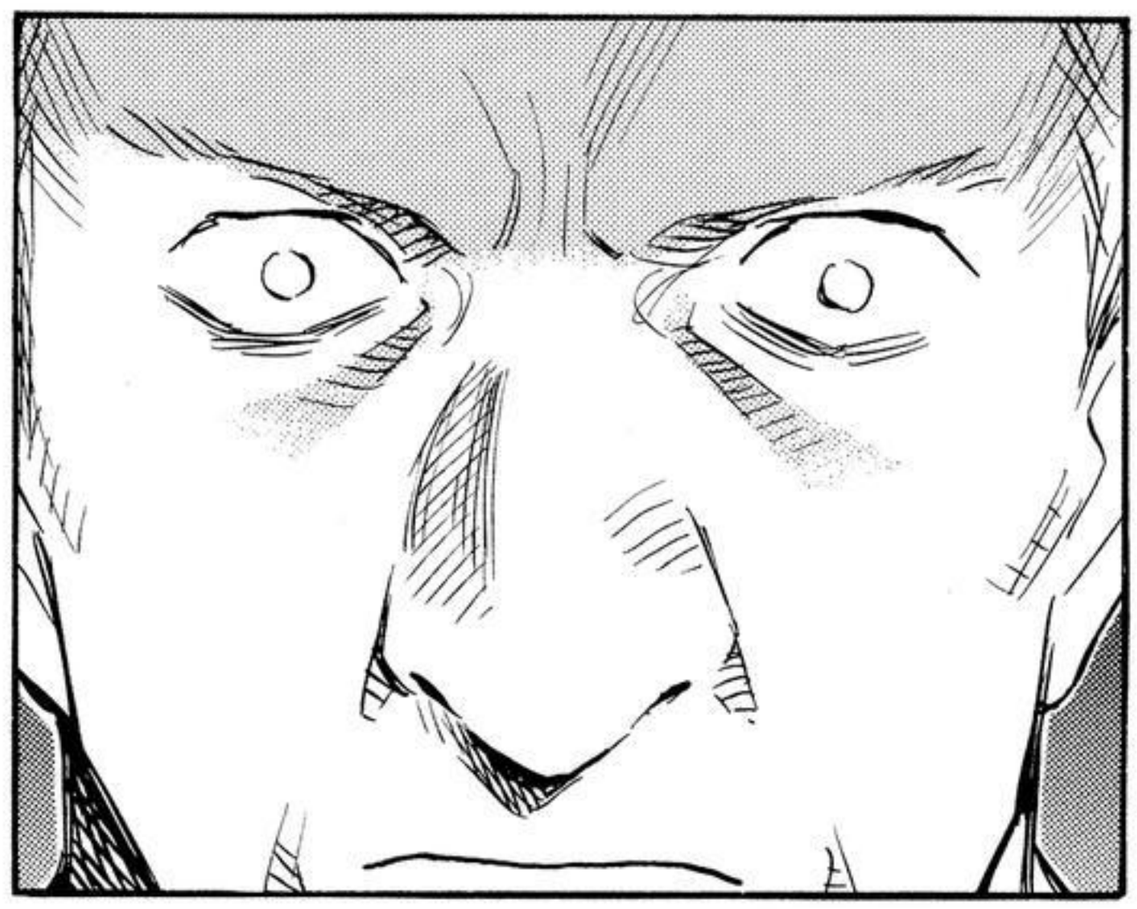


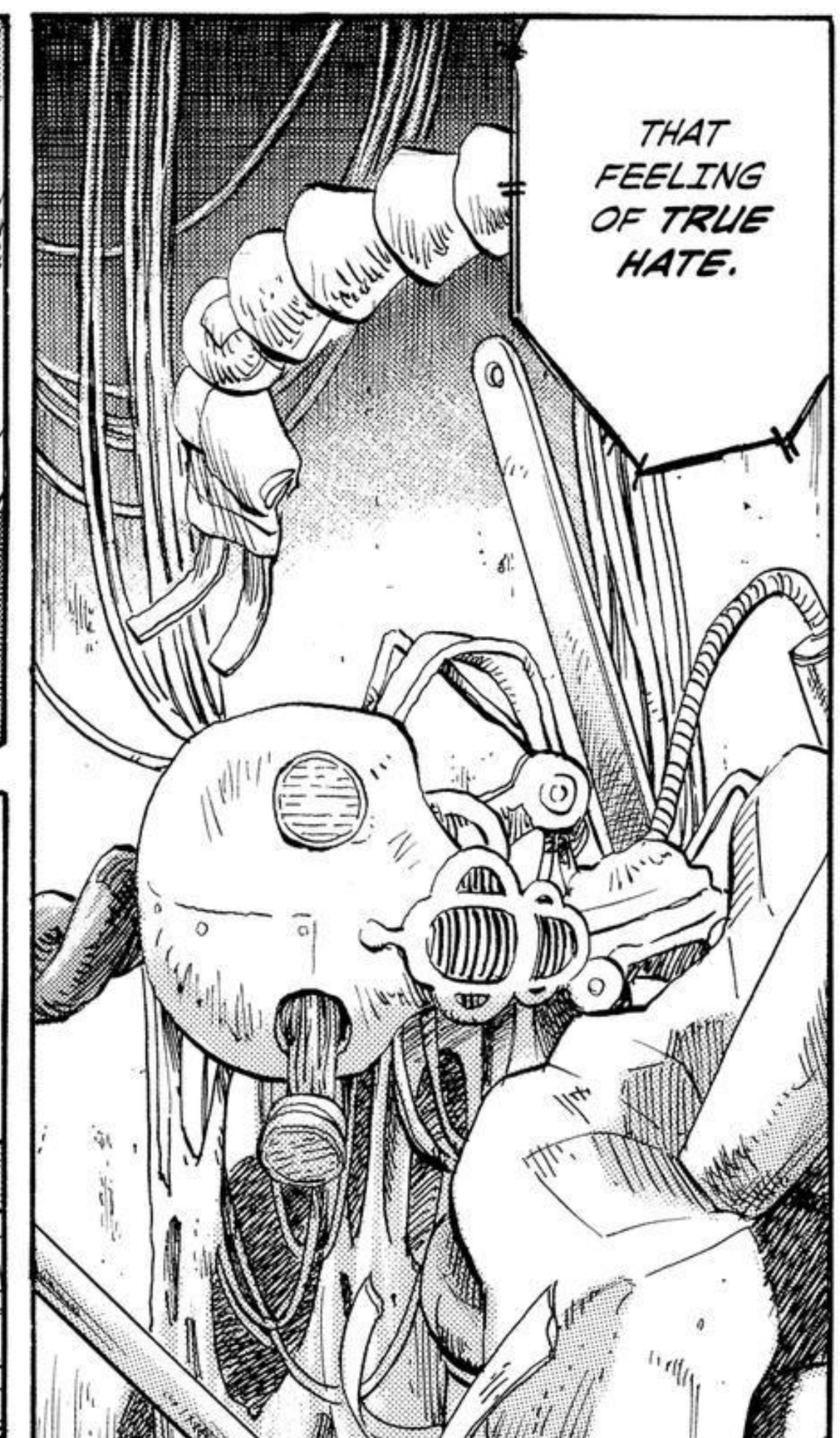

VRRR
...FAR TOO DEEP.


IT'S EMBEDDED IN HERE...

AND DON'T YOU WORRY, IT'LL ALL COME BACK TO YOU.


SCRAPE SCRAPE
CARE TO GIVE IT A SCRATCH?




THAT FEELING OF TRUE HATE.

HEH HEH HEH ...

I'M STILL ON DUTY... I MUST GO BACK TO MY ASSIGNMENT...

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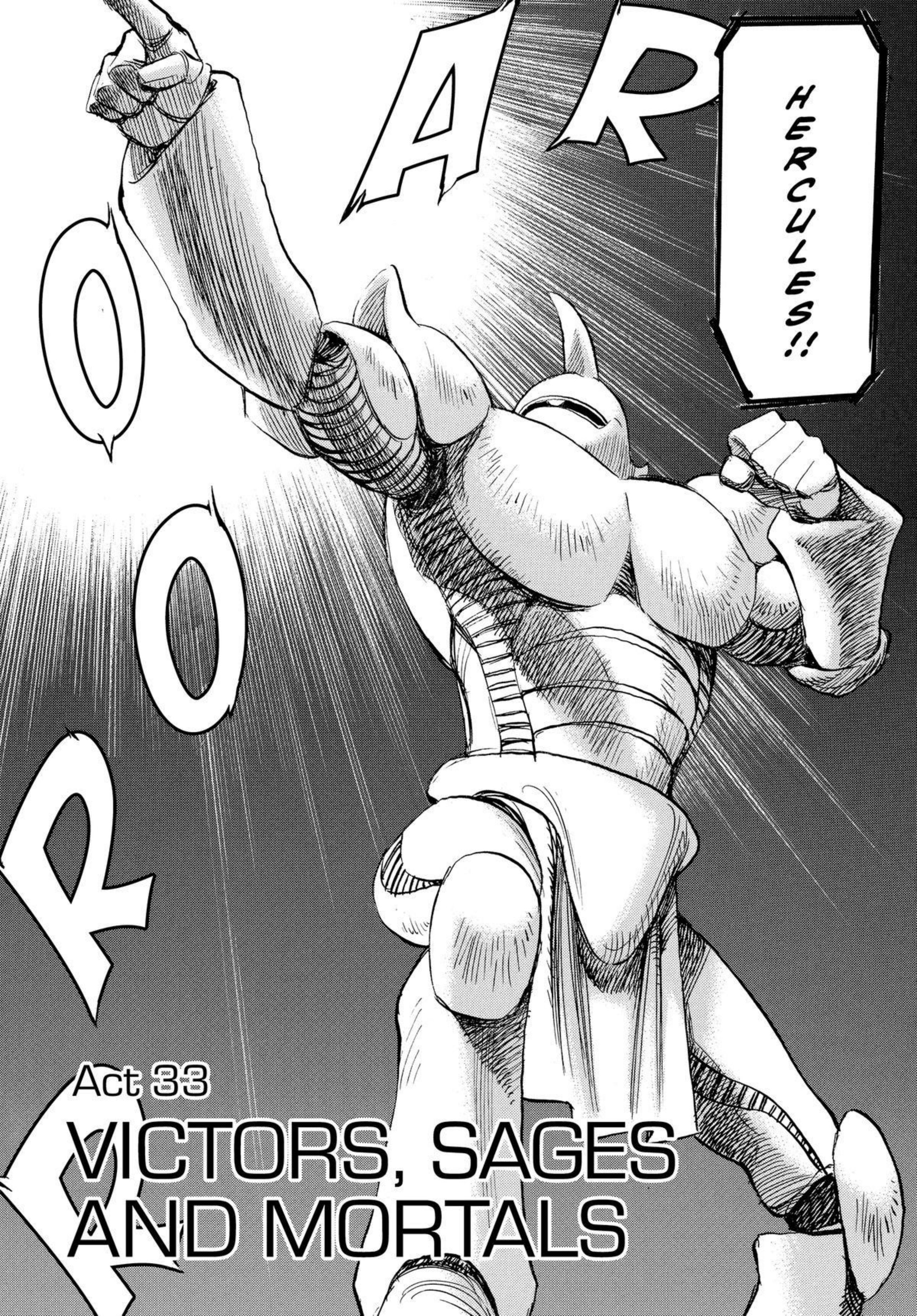

Act 33

VICTORS, SAGES AND MORTALS

RUGIRE
HERCULES!!
HERCULES!!
HERCULES!!
HERCULES!!
HOOM
BOOM

BOOM
BAM BAM BAM
KRSH
THWAM
BASH

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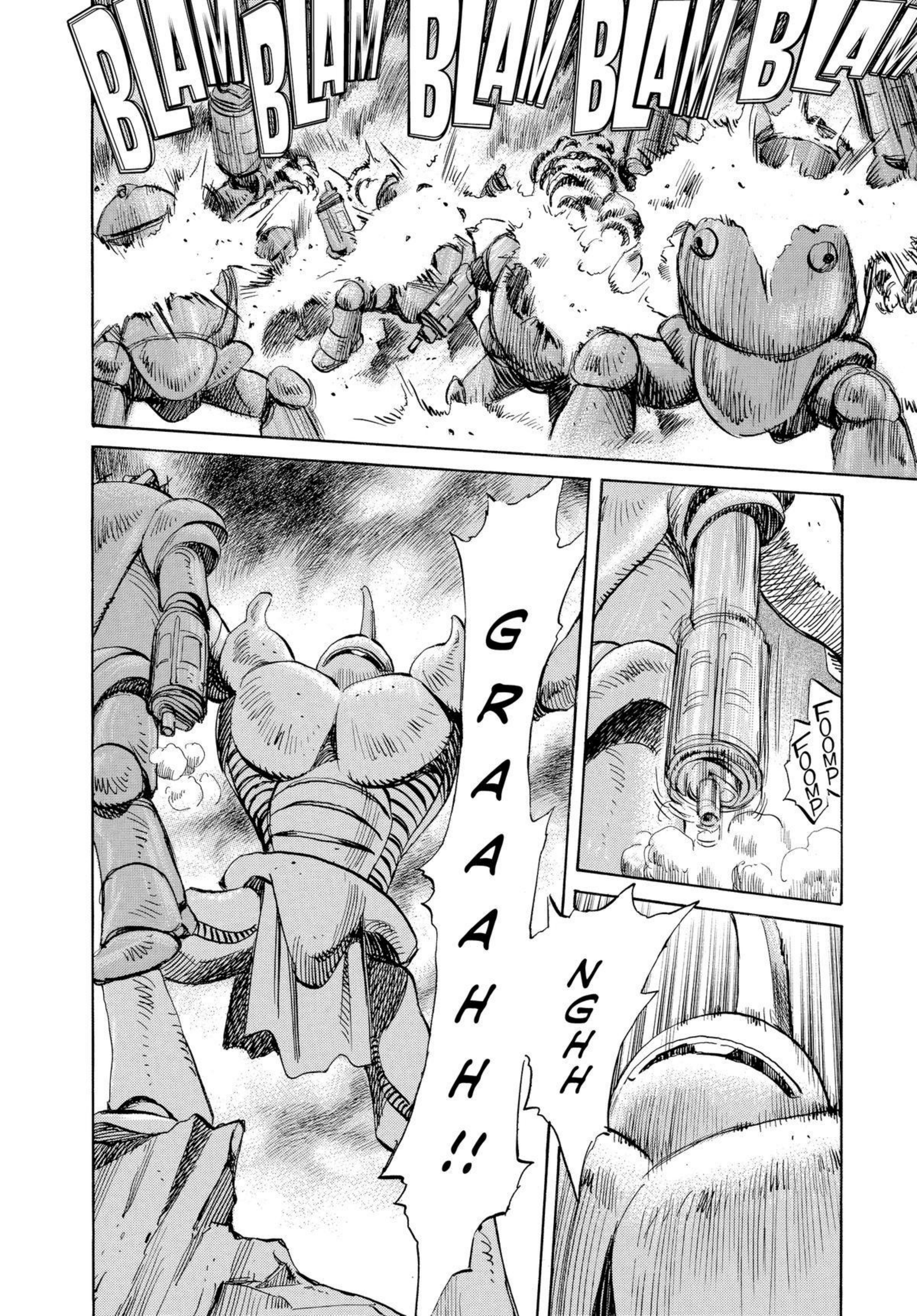
BAM
BAM
GRAB
PUNCH
ZIIIP
BA BAM
BAM


BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM
GRAAAAHH!!
NGHH
KOOMP KOOMP

HERCULES!!

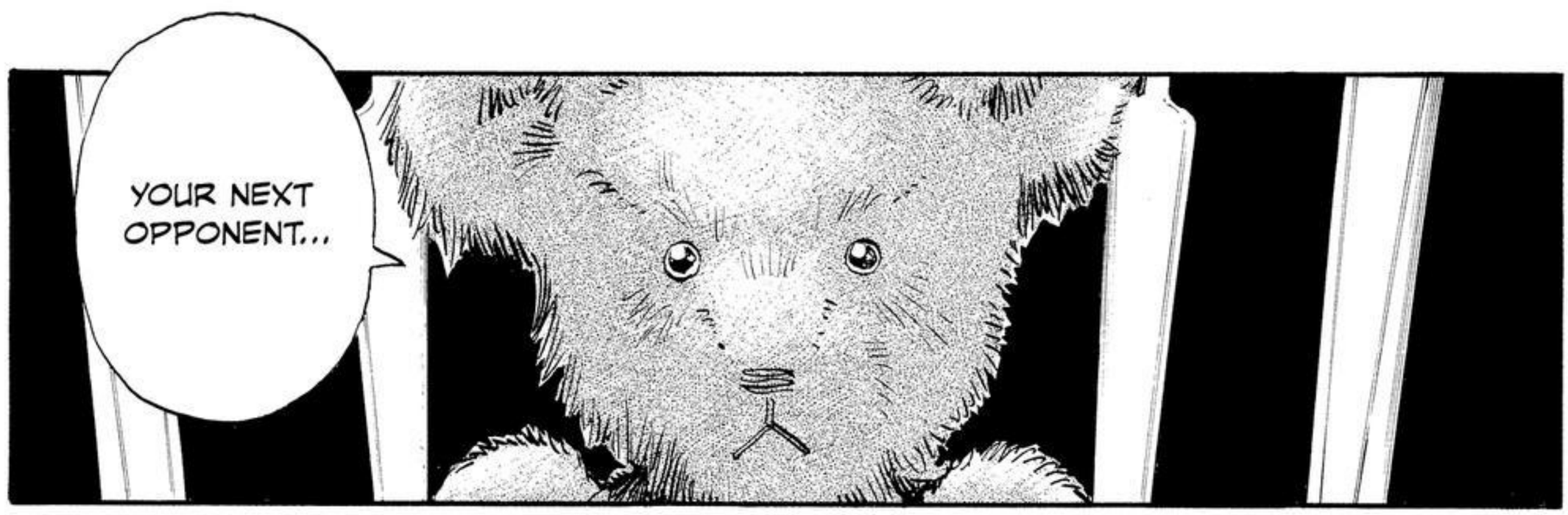
HURRAH

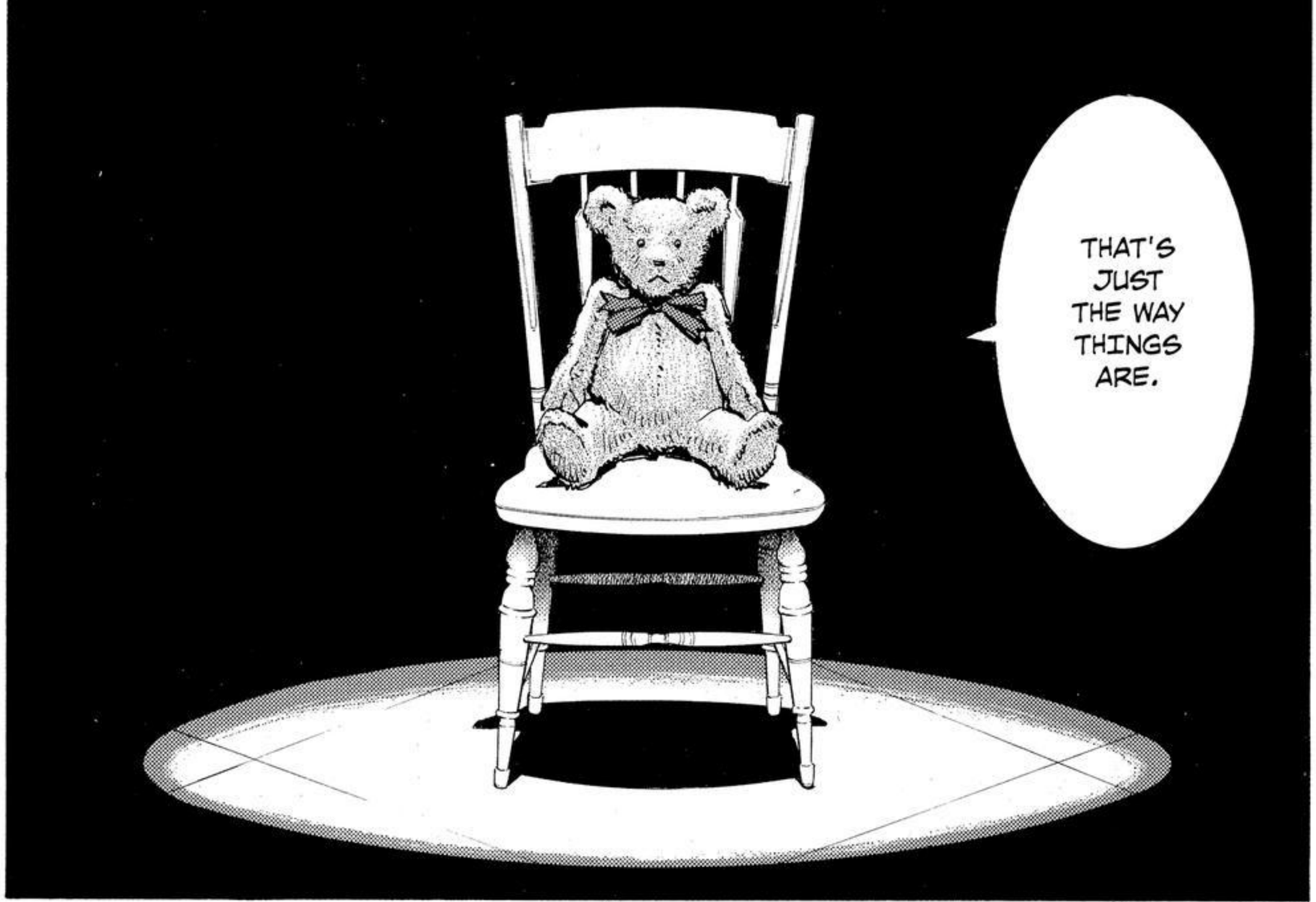
HURRAH

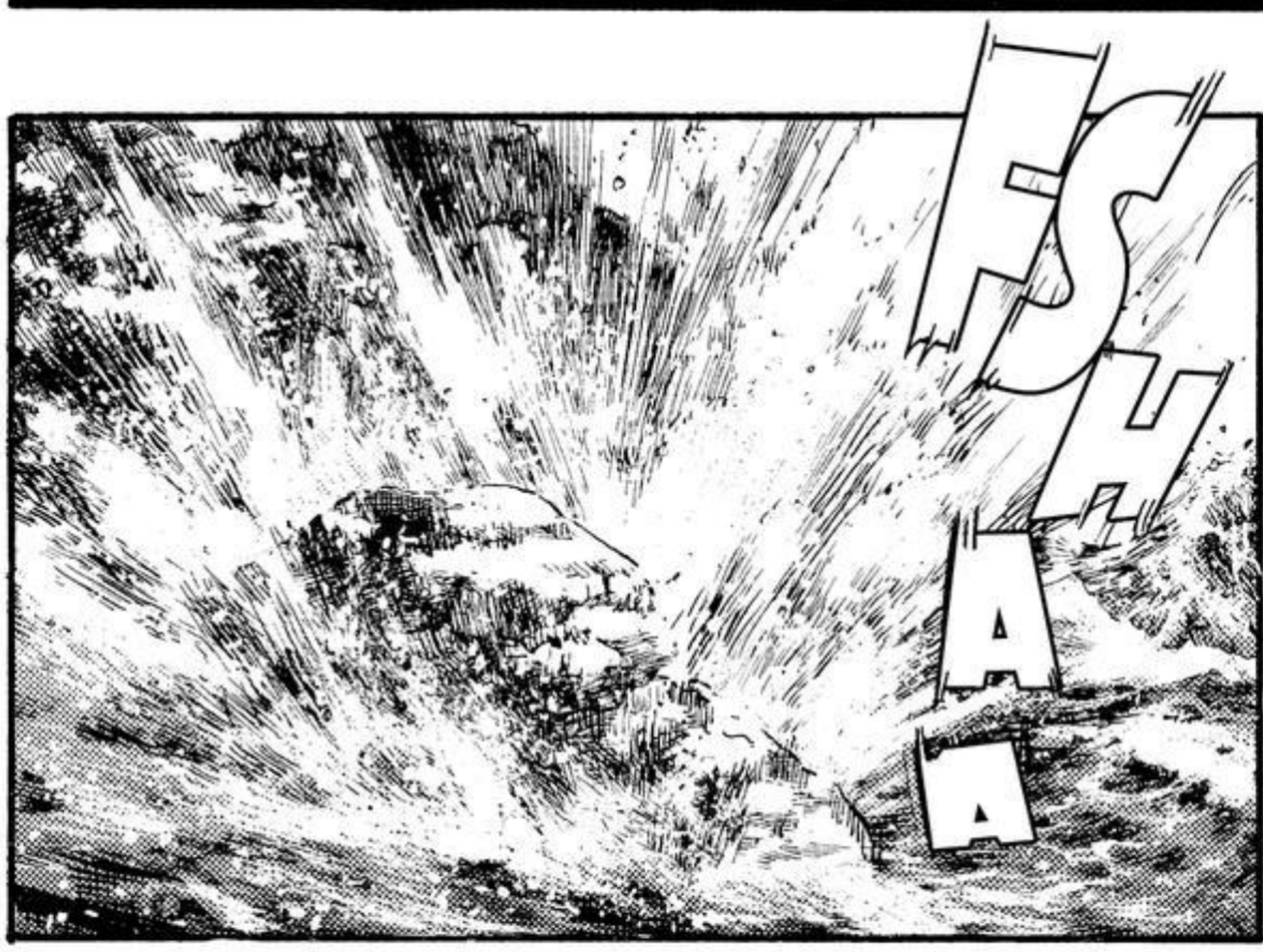
HURRAH

HURRAH

HERCULES!!




THAT'S JUST THE WAY THINGS ARE.


FSHAA

WOOSH

WIND'S REALLY PICKING UP, SIR...
OKAY, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF PROFESSOR HOFFMAN FROM HERE...

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.

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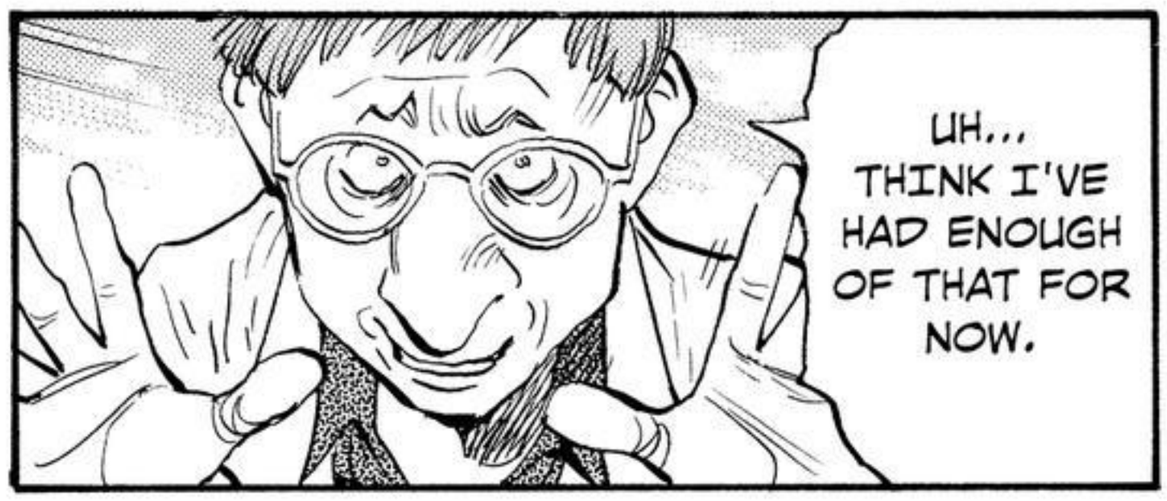
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN, PROFESSOR? THE ENEMY DESTROYED YOUR ENTIRE LAB IN ONE BLOW...

THANKS, B...BUT DO WE REALLY NEED THAT HUGE MILITARY TRANSPORT FOR JUST *ME*?

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO? SHOULDN'T YOU BE HEADING FOR SAFETY TOO?

SO...

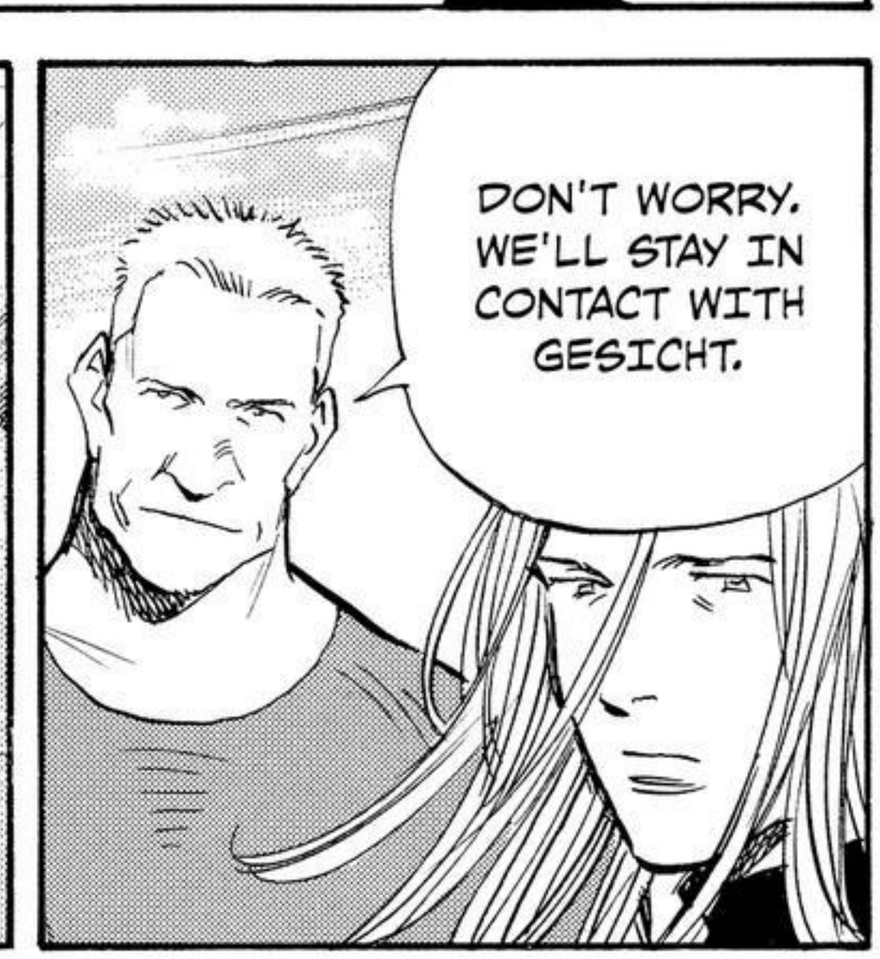
...WHO EXACTLY IS THE ENEMY, ANYWAY?

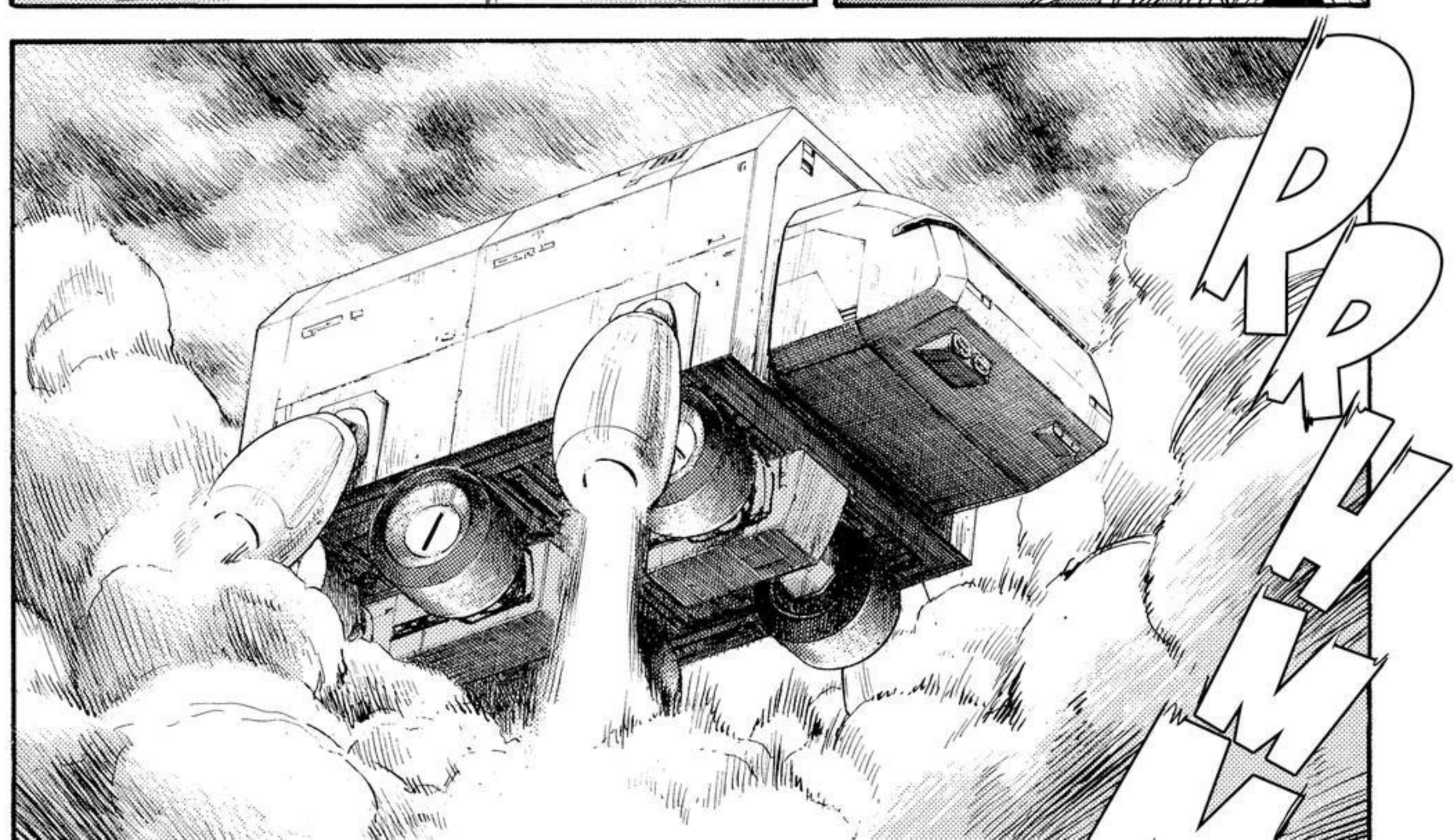

UH... THINK I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT FOR NOW.

AND YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME WITH ME, BUT YOU'D HAVE TO DO MORE FLYING AT 1,000 METERS!
I'LL BE TAKING OFF...

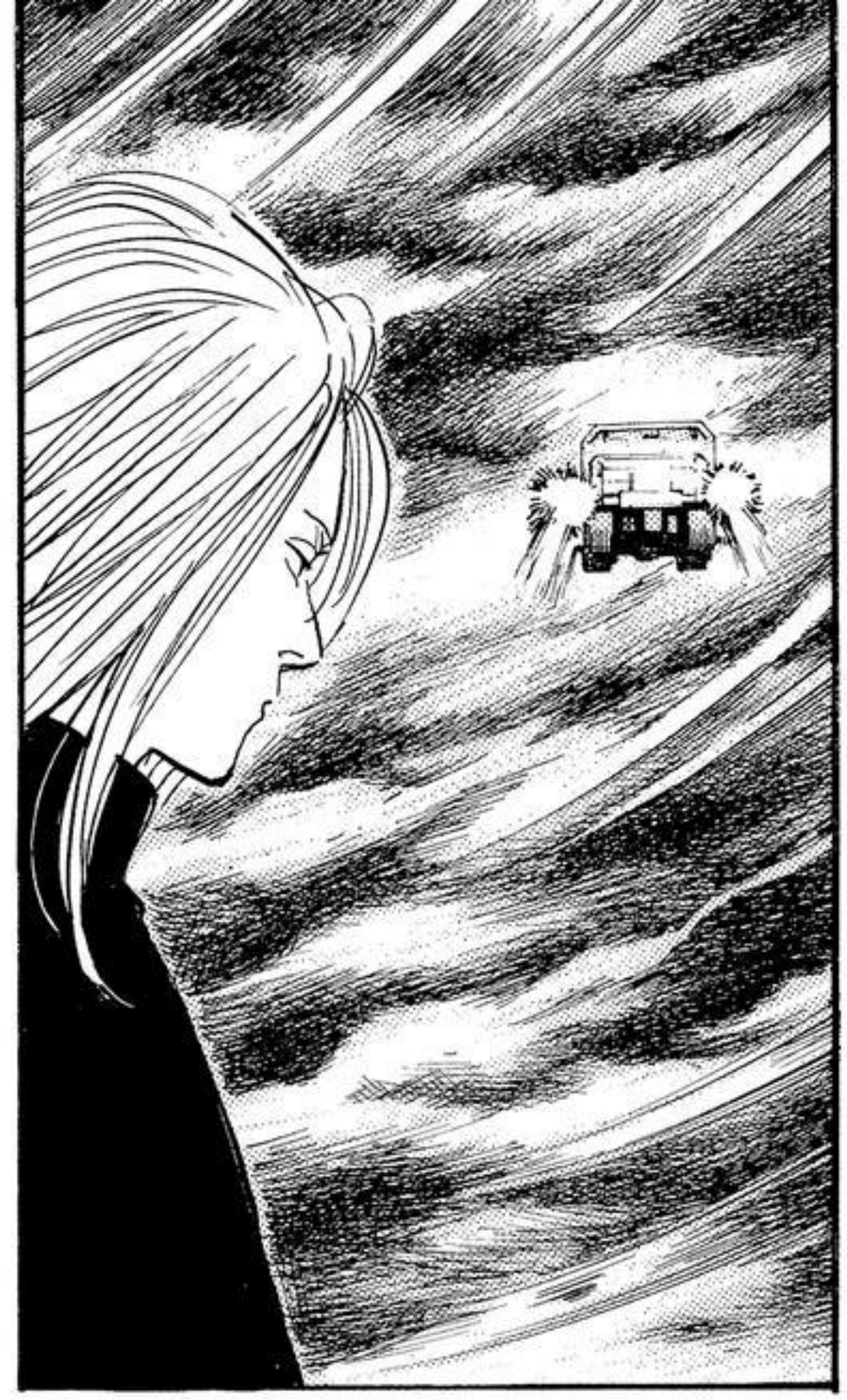
DON'T MAKE THINGS MORE DIFFICULT! COOPERATE WITH HIM TO HELP SOLVE IT!!
LISTEN, GESICHT IS ON THIS CASE!!

BOOM

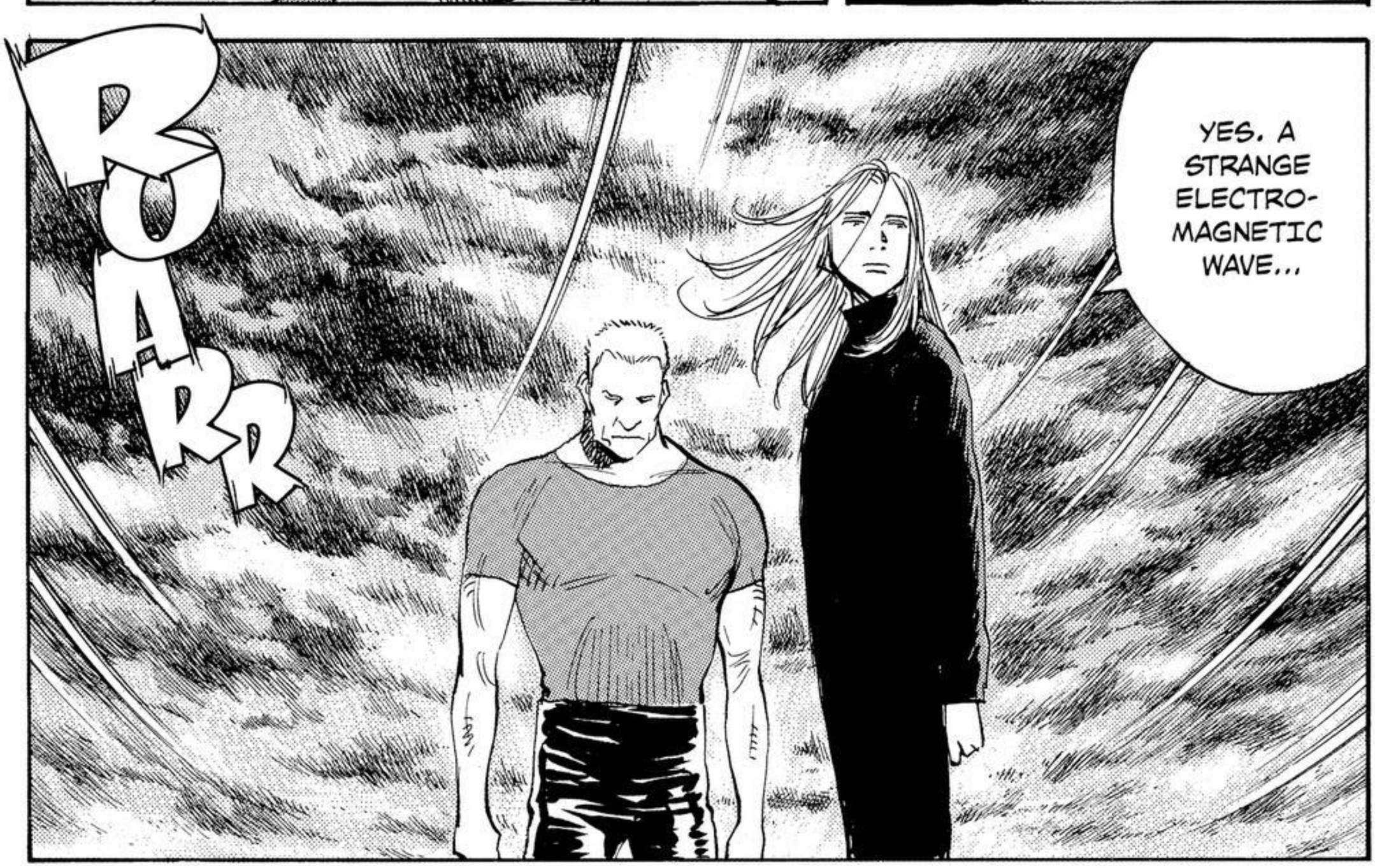

DON'T WORRY. WE'LL STAY IN CONTACT WITH GESICHT.


BRRRR

IT'S COMING...



YOU SENSE IT TOO, HUH?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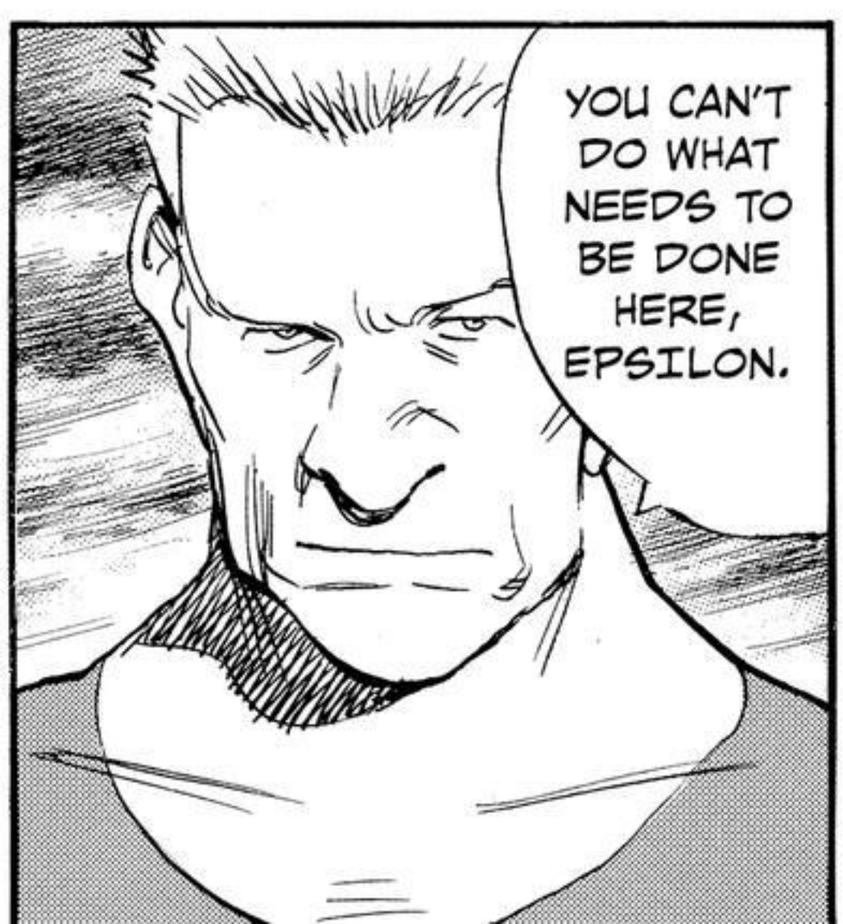
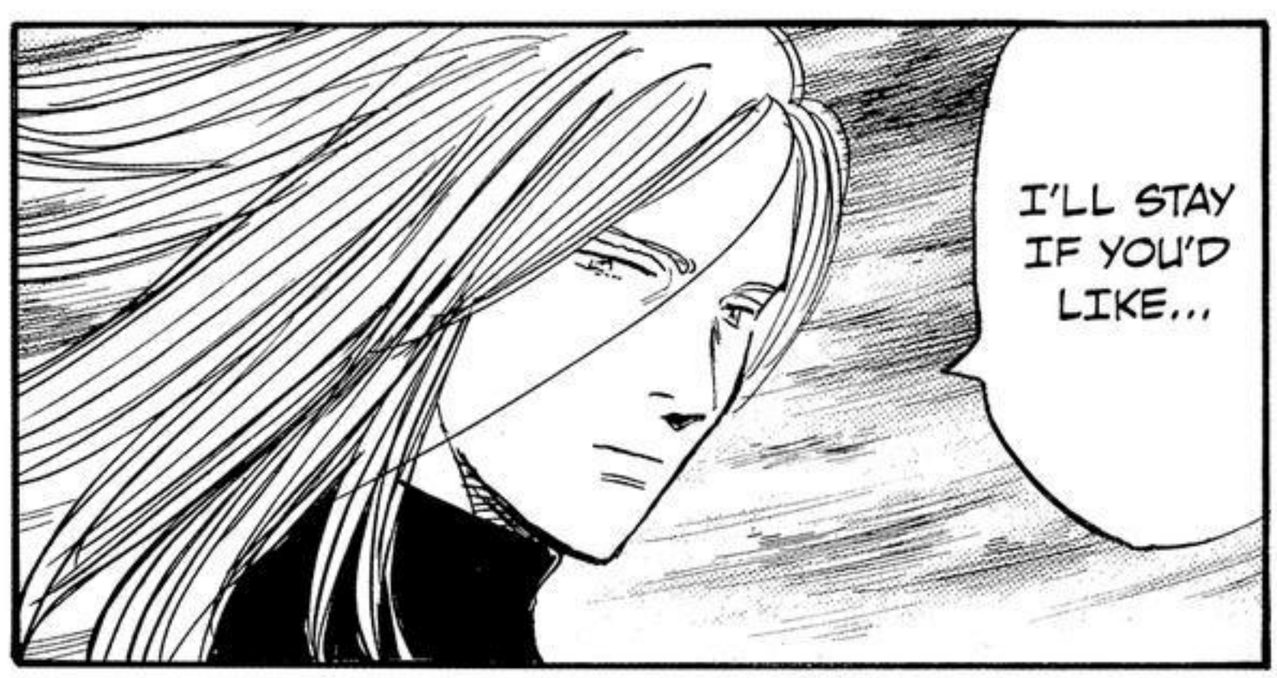
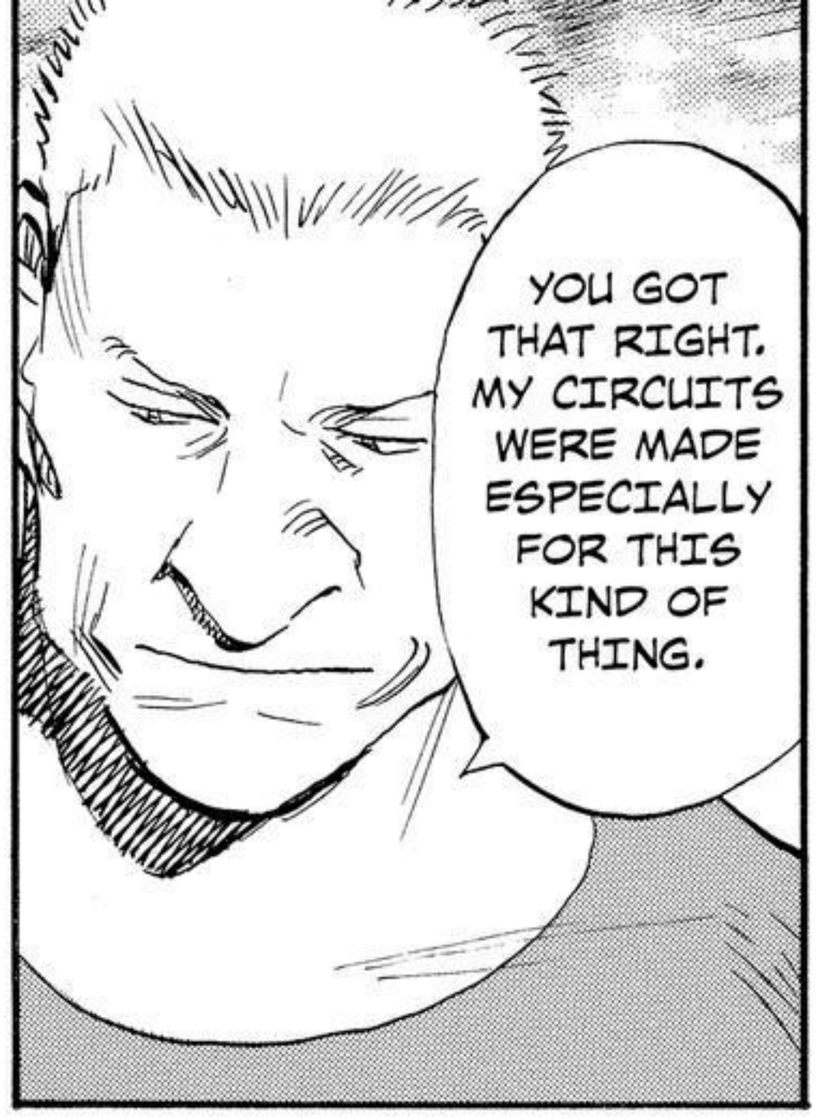
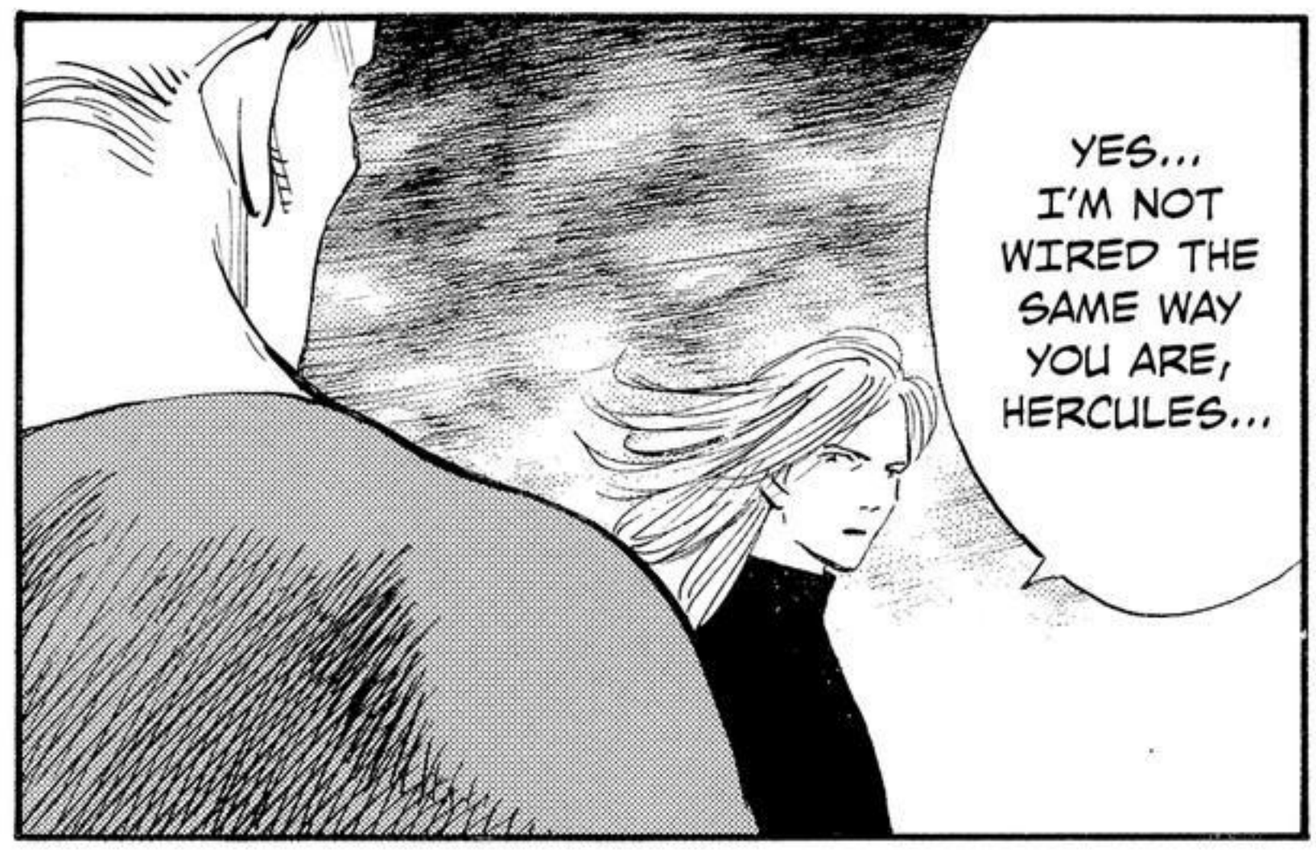
YES. A STRANGE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVE...


YOU CAN'T DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE HERE, EPSILON.


I'LL STAY IF YOU'D LIKE...

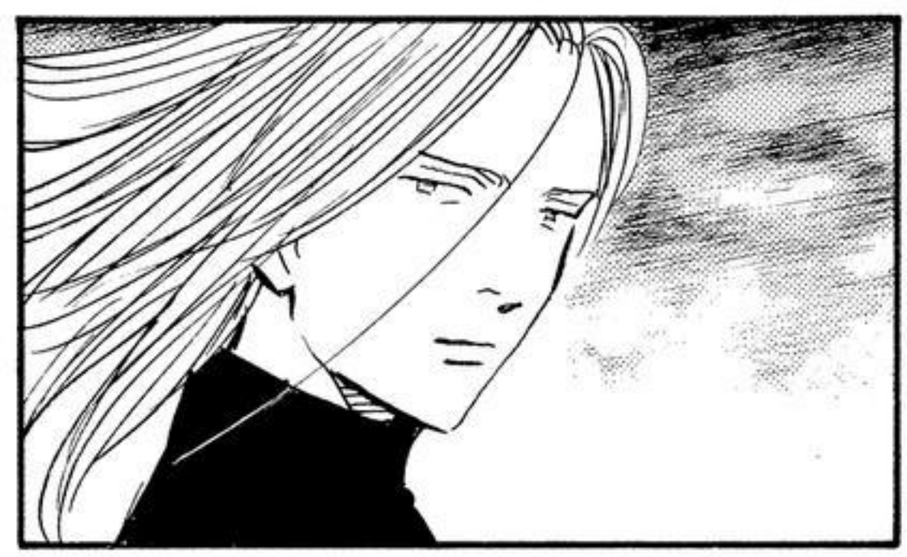

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT. MY CIRCUITS WERE MADE ESPECIALLY FOR THIS KIND OF THING.


YES... I'M NOT WIRED THE SAME WAY YOU ARE, HERCULES...

I'M A MACHINE THAT'S BEEN *MADE* FOR BATTLE.

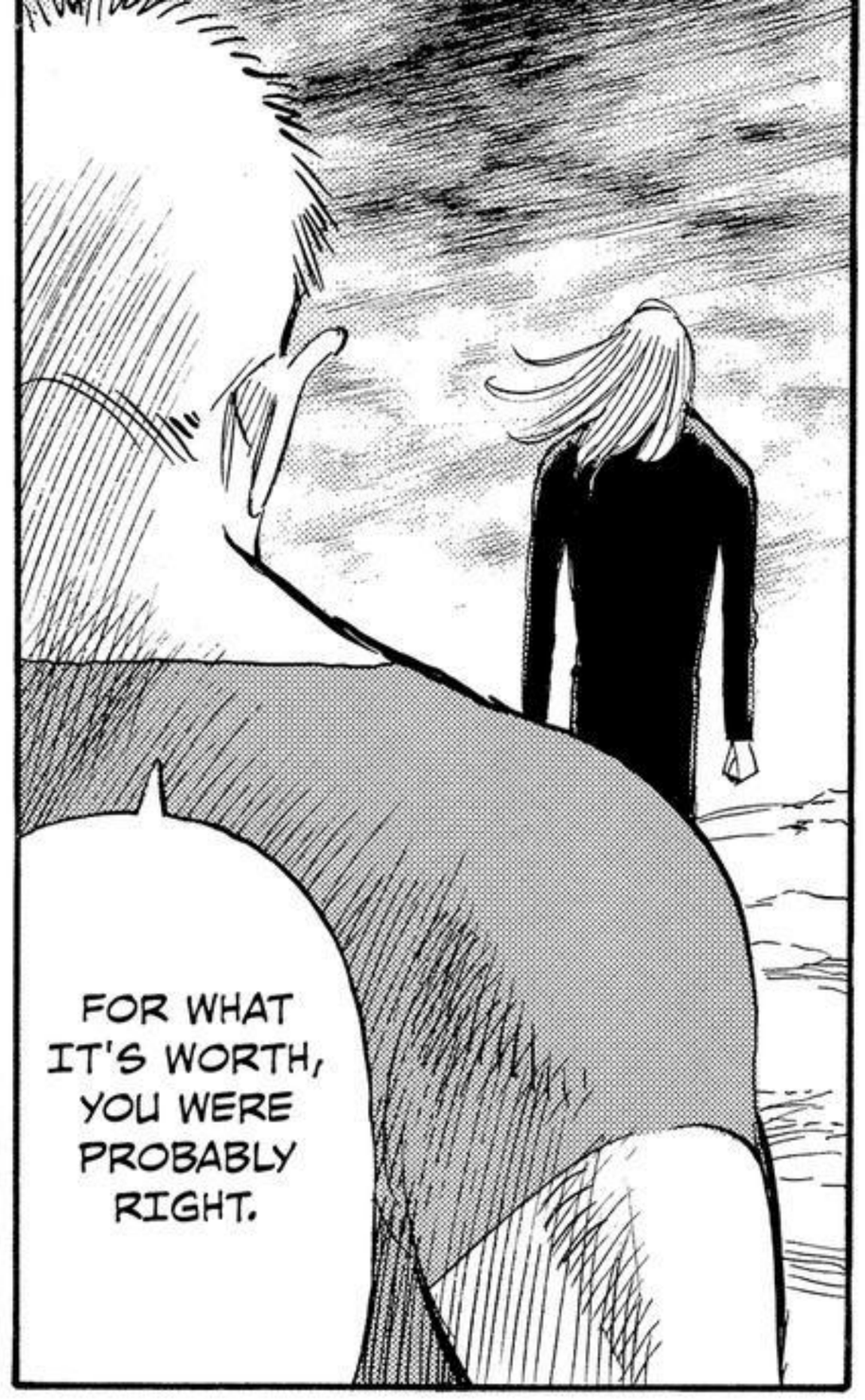
SHUF

I SENSE YOUR SCORN, HERCULES, THE SAME AS WHEN I REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN THE WAR...

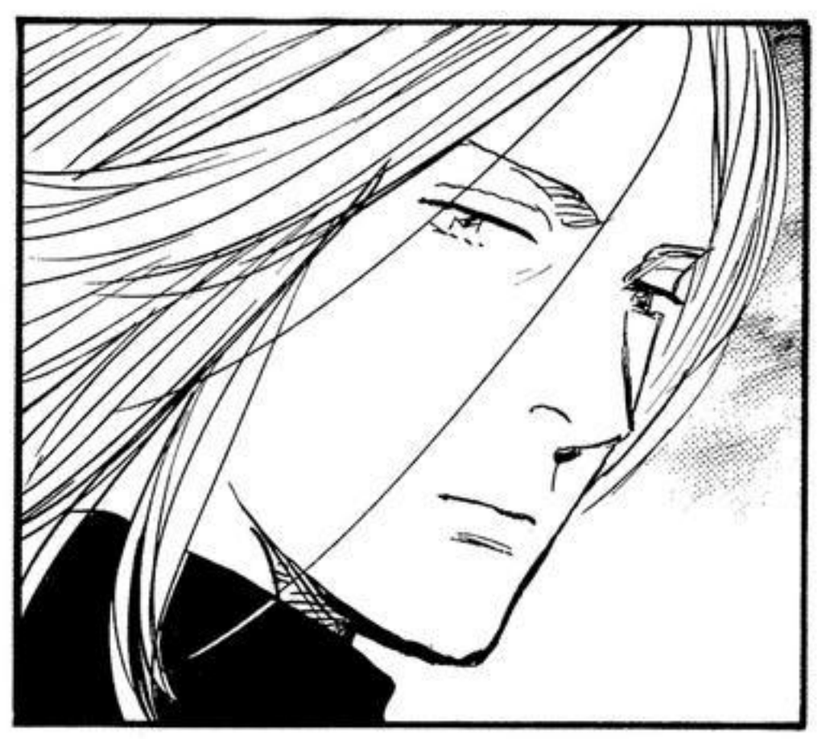


GO ON AND GET OUTTA HERE! YOU'LL JUST BE IN THE WAY.

YOU WERE PROBABLY RIGHT TO REFUSE TO FIGHT...

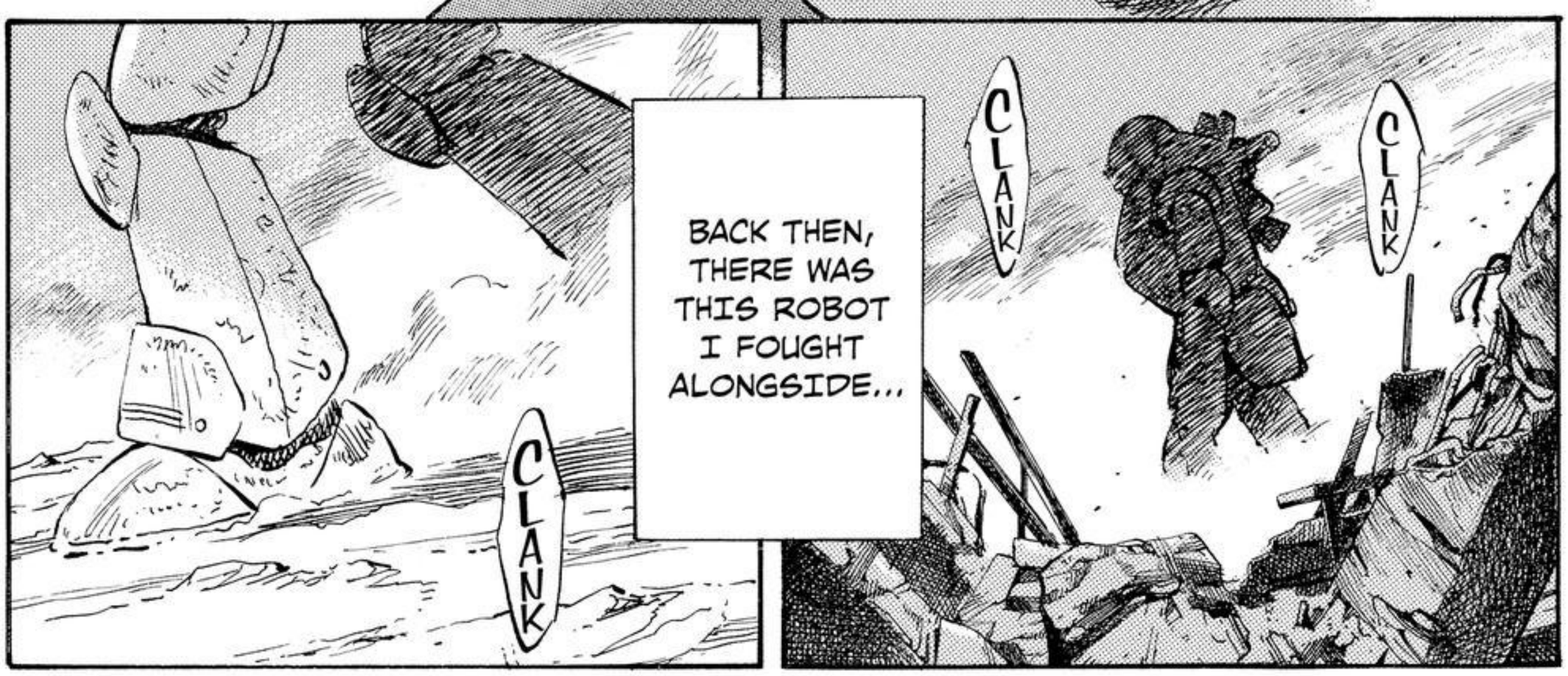

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, YOU WERE PROBABLY RIGHT.

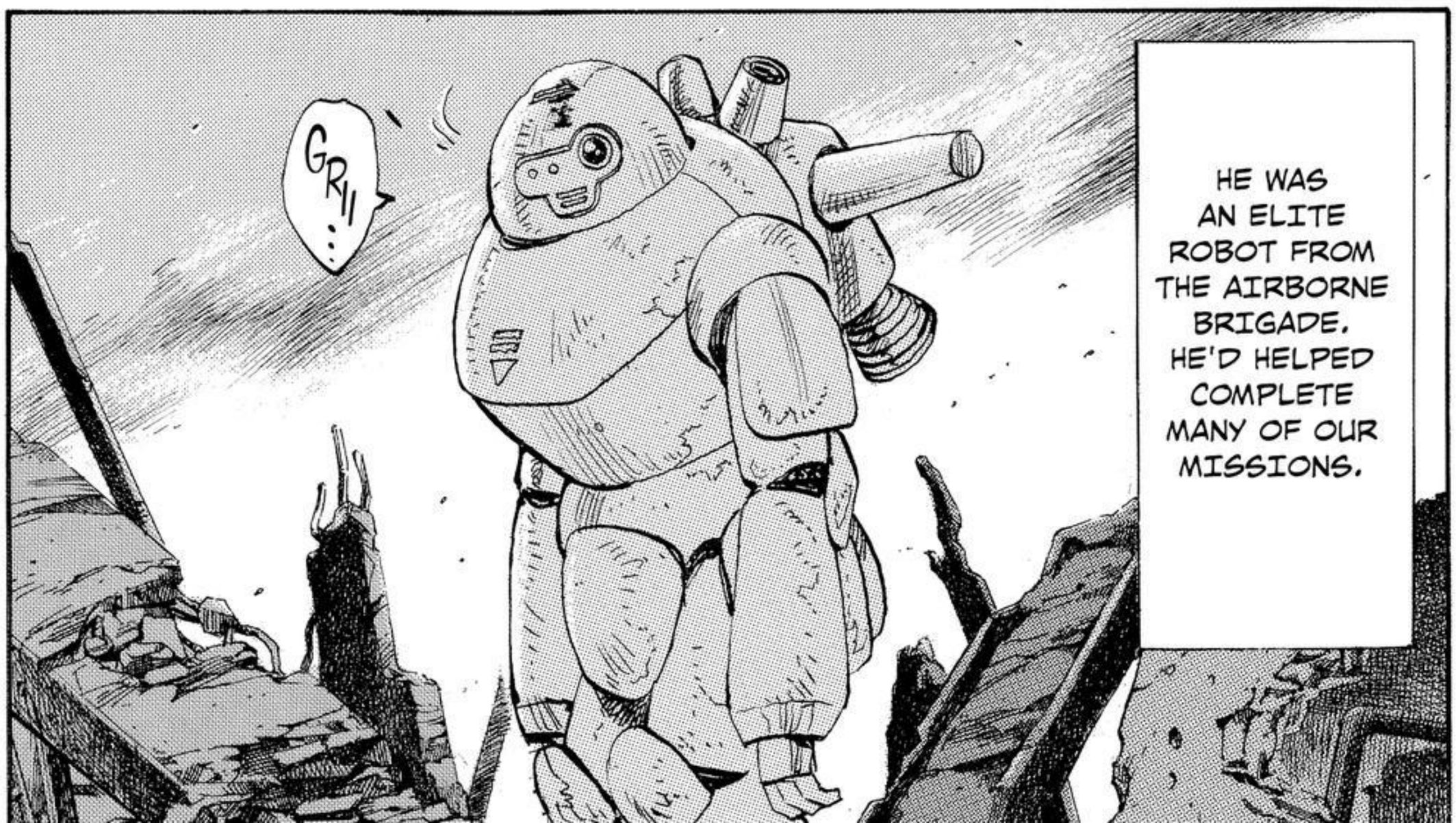
BUT THAT WAR...
ME, I WAS MADE TO DO BATTLE...

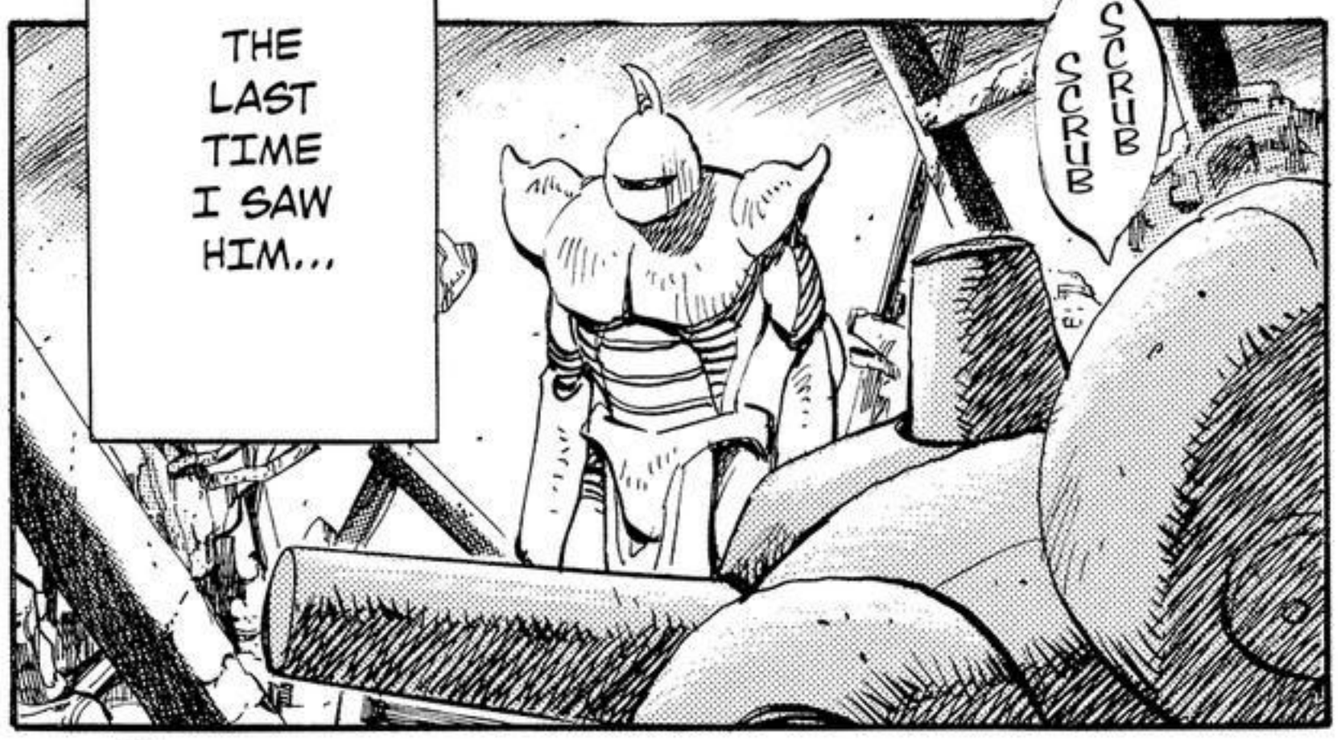


THAT WAR WAS NO NORMAL BATTLE.

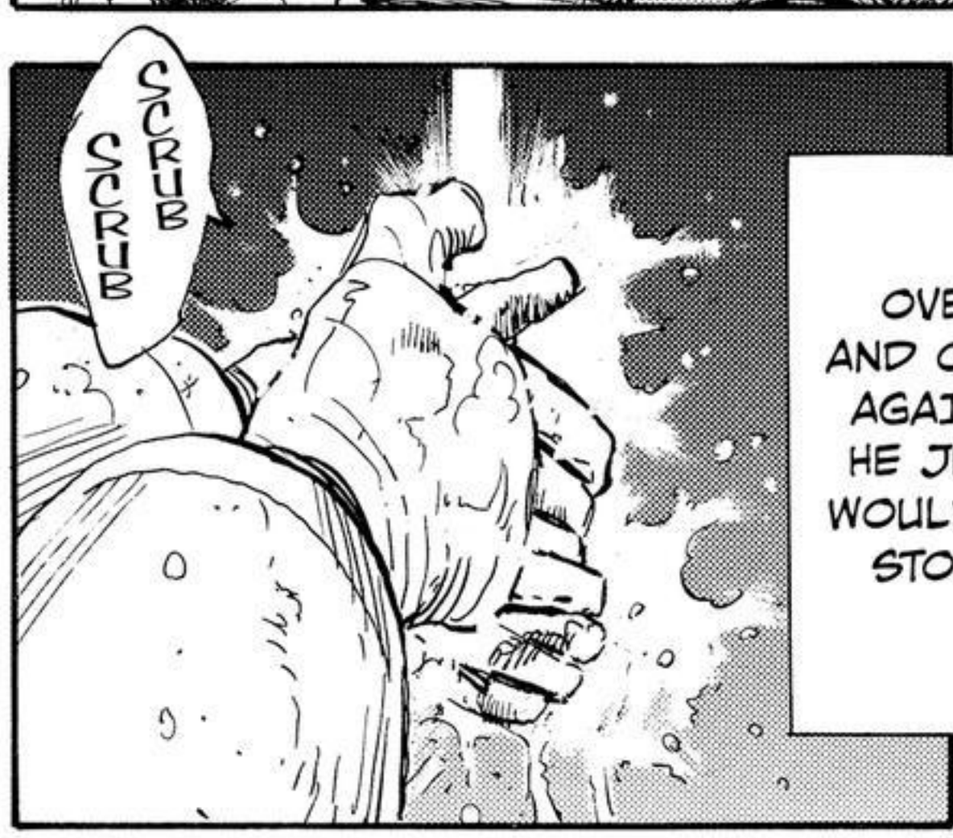
WHOOSH...


BACK THEN, THERE WAS THIS ROBOT I FOUGHT ALONGSIDE...
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK

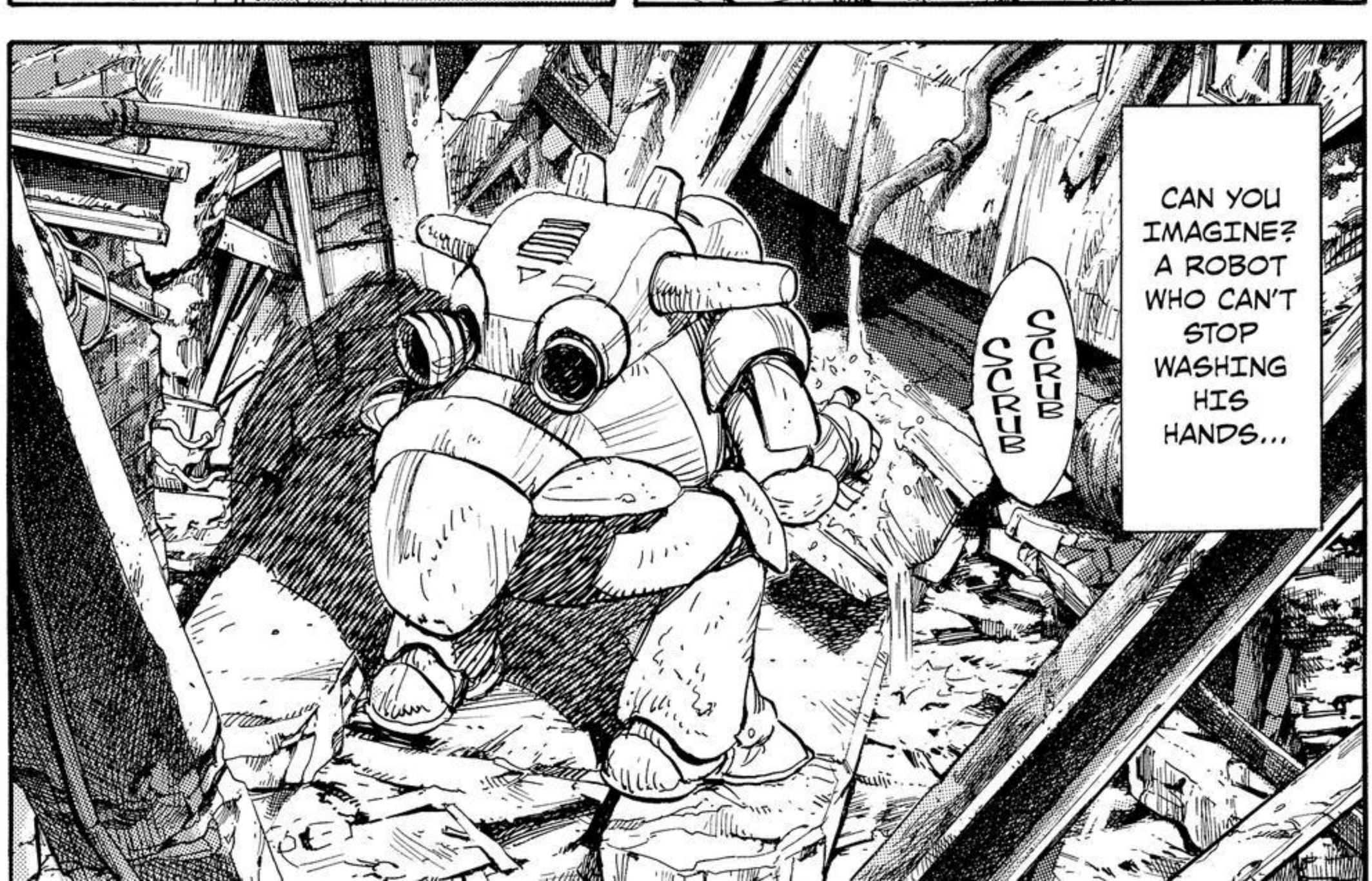

GRII...
HE WAS AN ELITE ROBOT FROM THE AIRBORNE BRIGADE. HE'D HELPED COMPLETE MANY OF OUR MISSIONS.

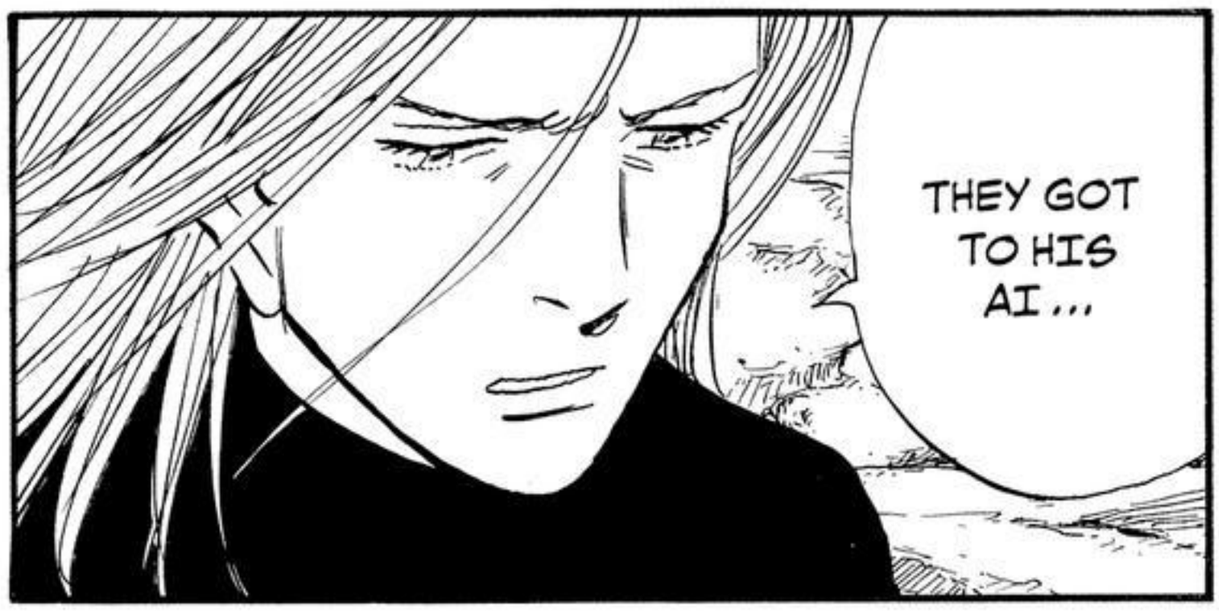

THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM...
SCRUB SCRUB

SCRUB SCRUB


SCRUB SCRUB
OVER AND OVER AGAIN... HE JUST WOULDN'T STOP...

HE WAS WASHING HIS HANDS...


SCRUB SCRUB
CAN YOU IMAGINE? A ROBOT WHO CAN'T STOP WASHING HIS HANDS...


THEY GOT TO HIS AI...

BOMBED OUT...

NO, I DON'T THINK SO.

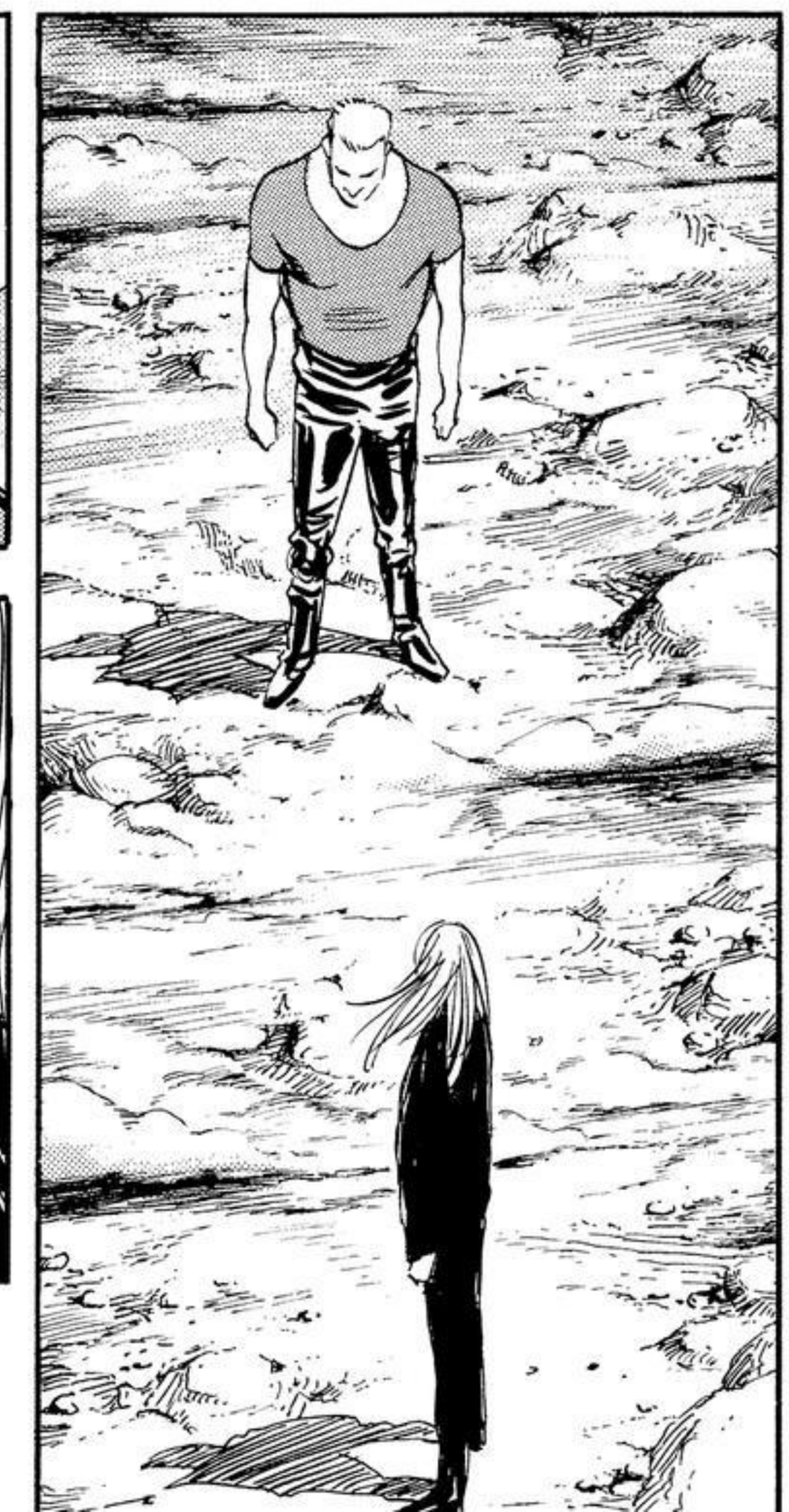
YOU KNOW, THAT THING THAT'S COMING THIS WAY...

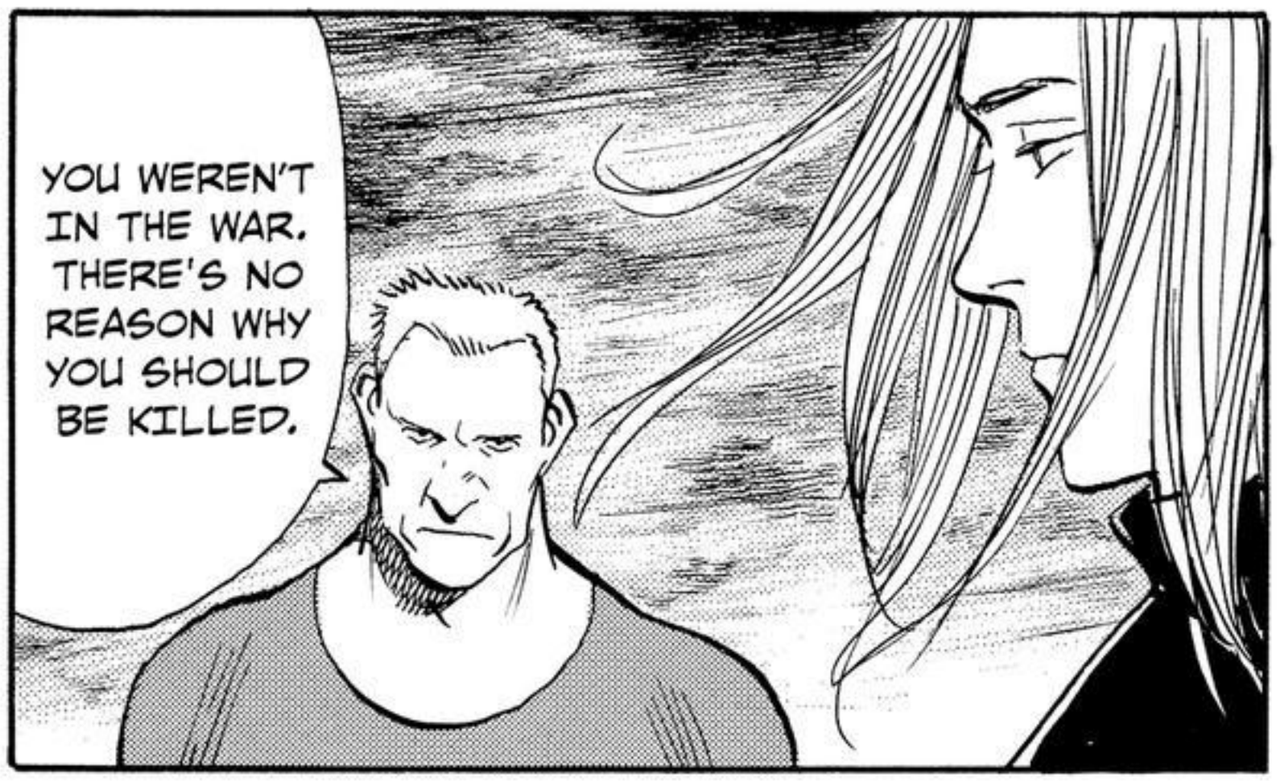
A SPIRIT?

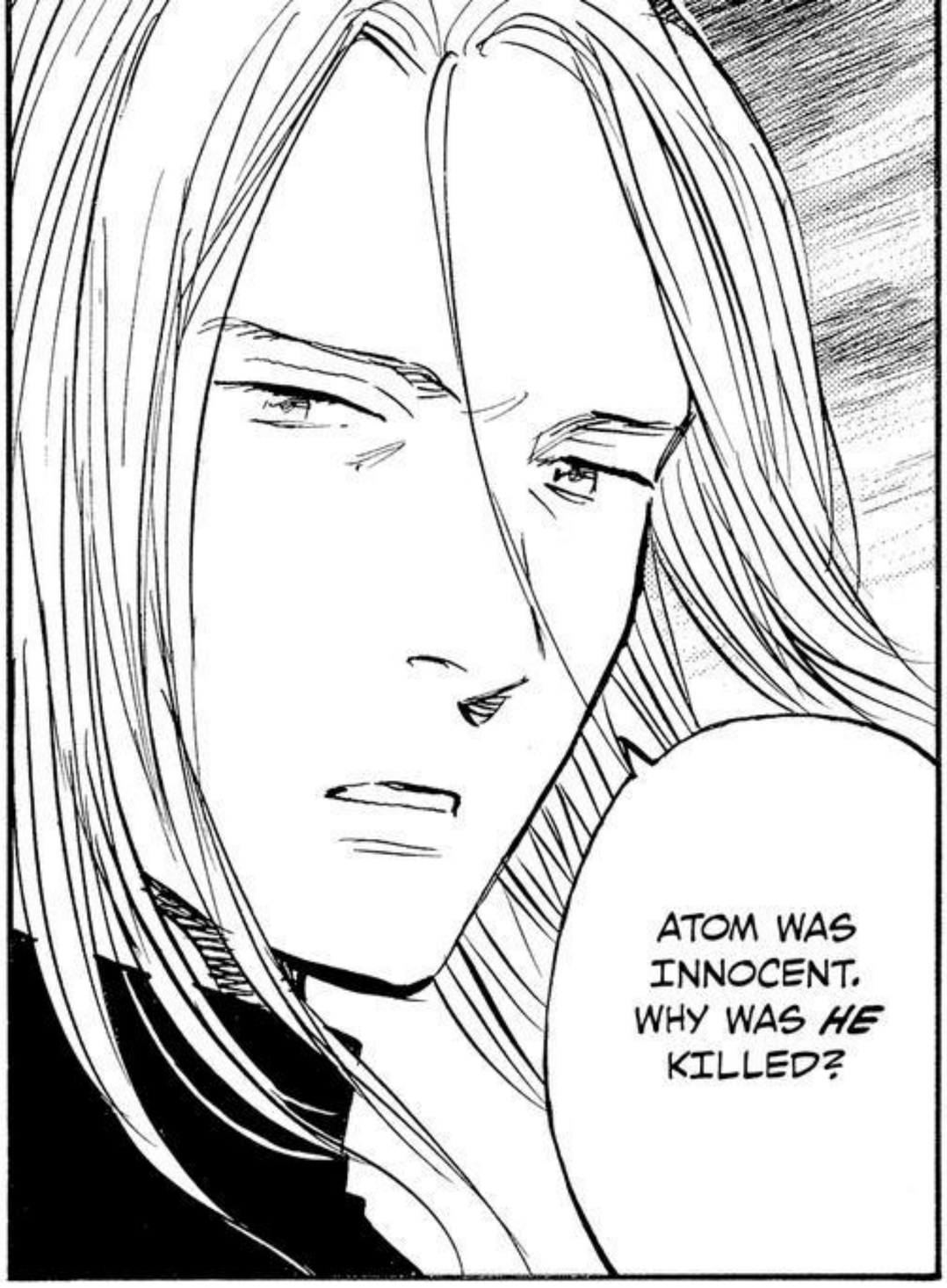
WHAT I'M ABOUT TO FIGHT IS...

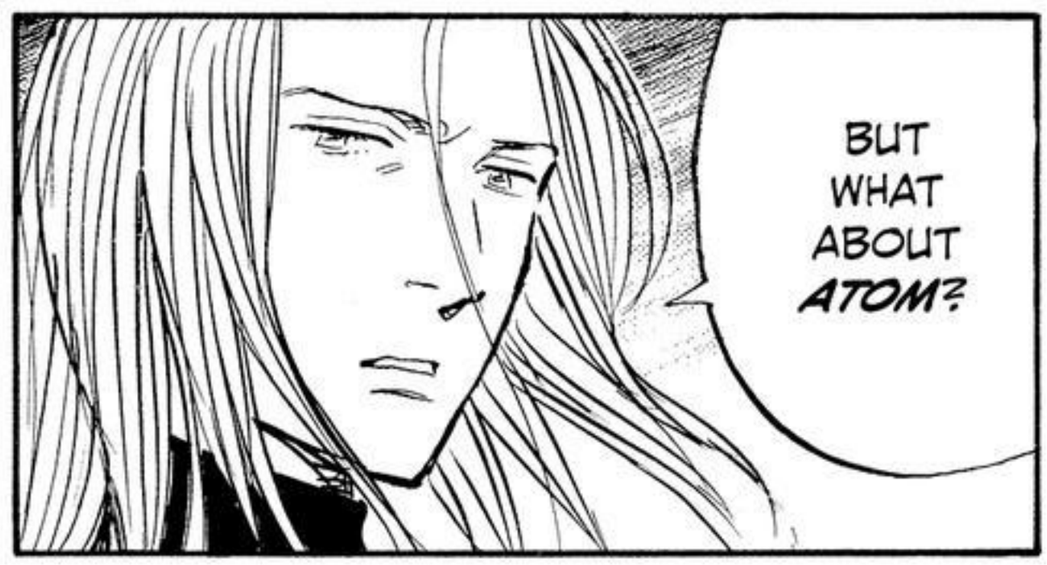
IT'S A SPIRIT.

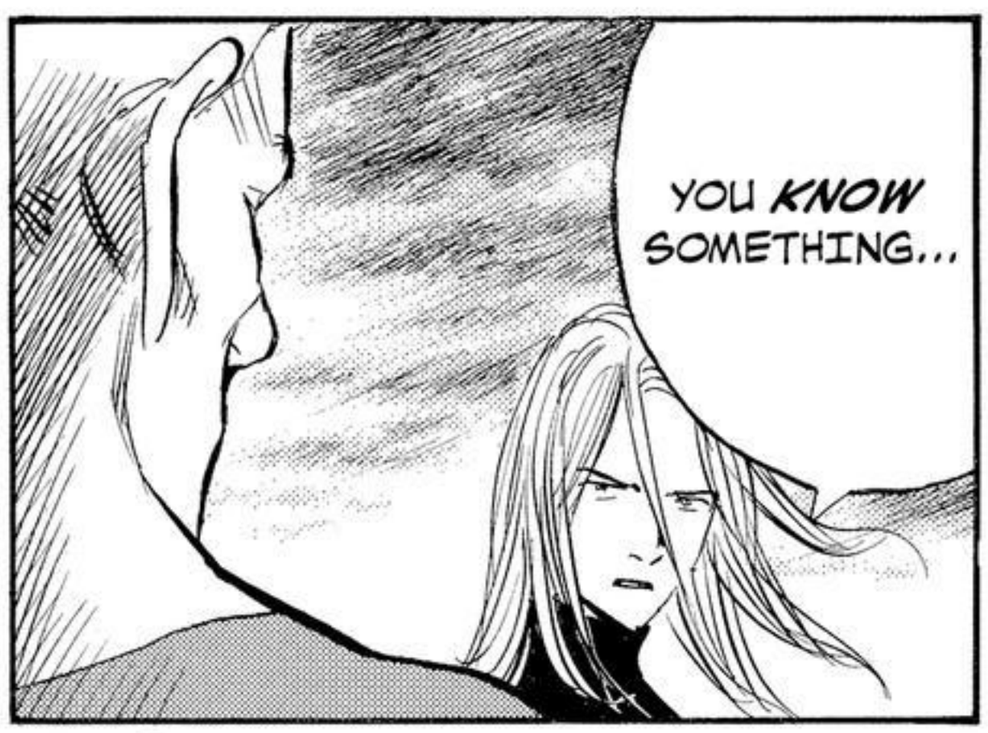
...THE SPIRITS OF ALL THOSE WHO DIED IN THE WAR.






ATOM WAS INNOCENT. WHY WAS *HE* KILLED?


BUT WHAT ABOUT *ATOM*?


YOU *KNOW* SOMETHING...

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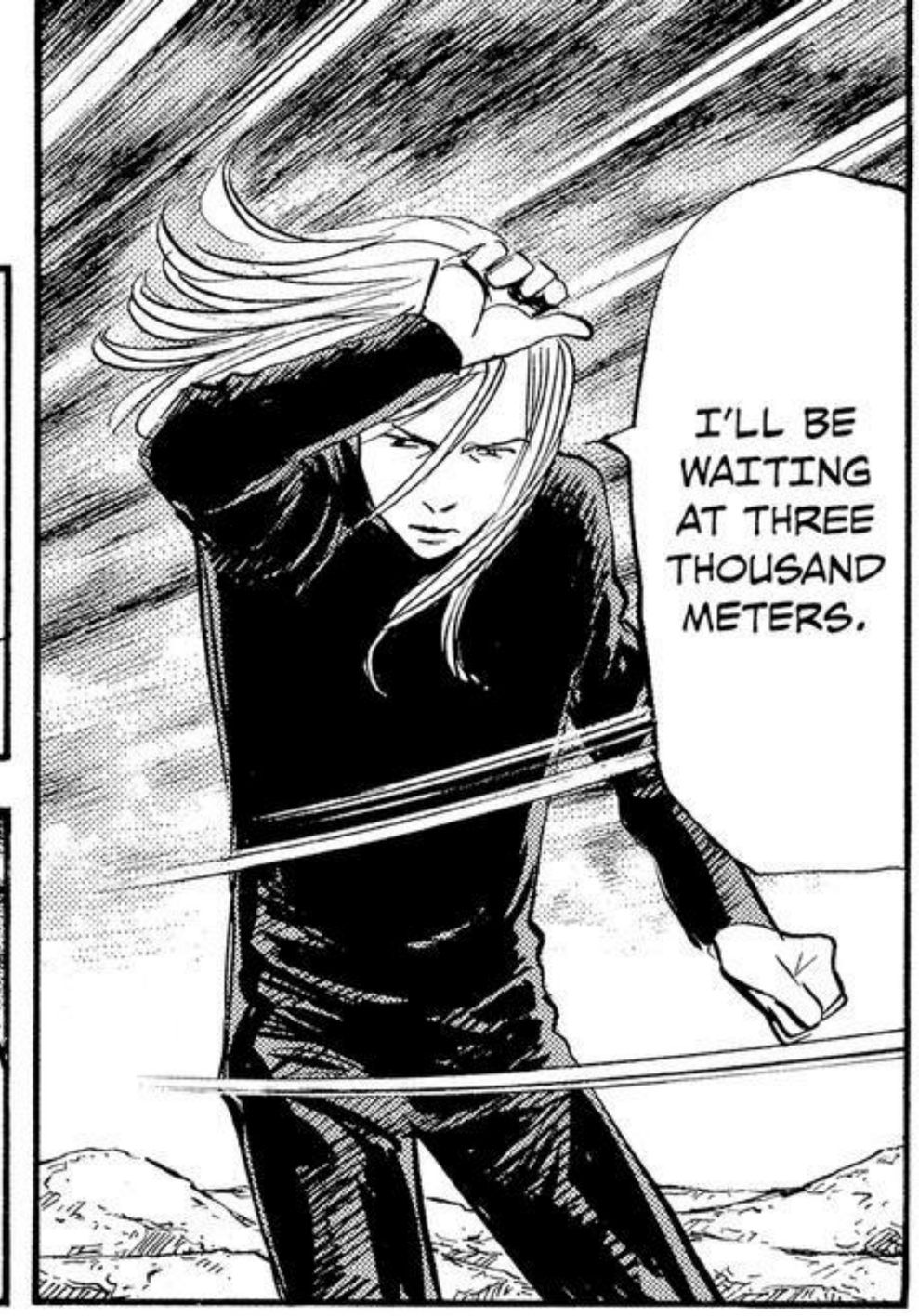
WSHH

YOU KNOW SOME-THING, DON'T YOU...?

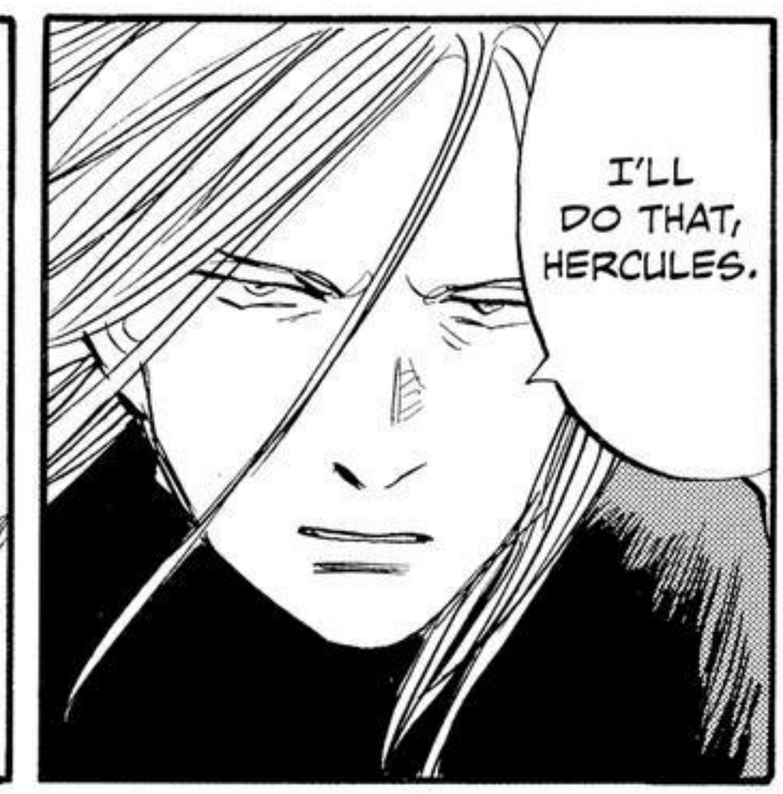
JUST *GO*!

DO AS YOU LIKE.

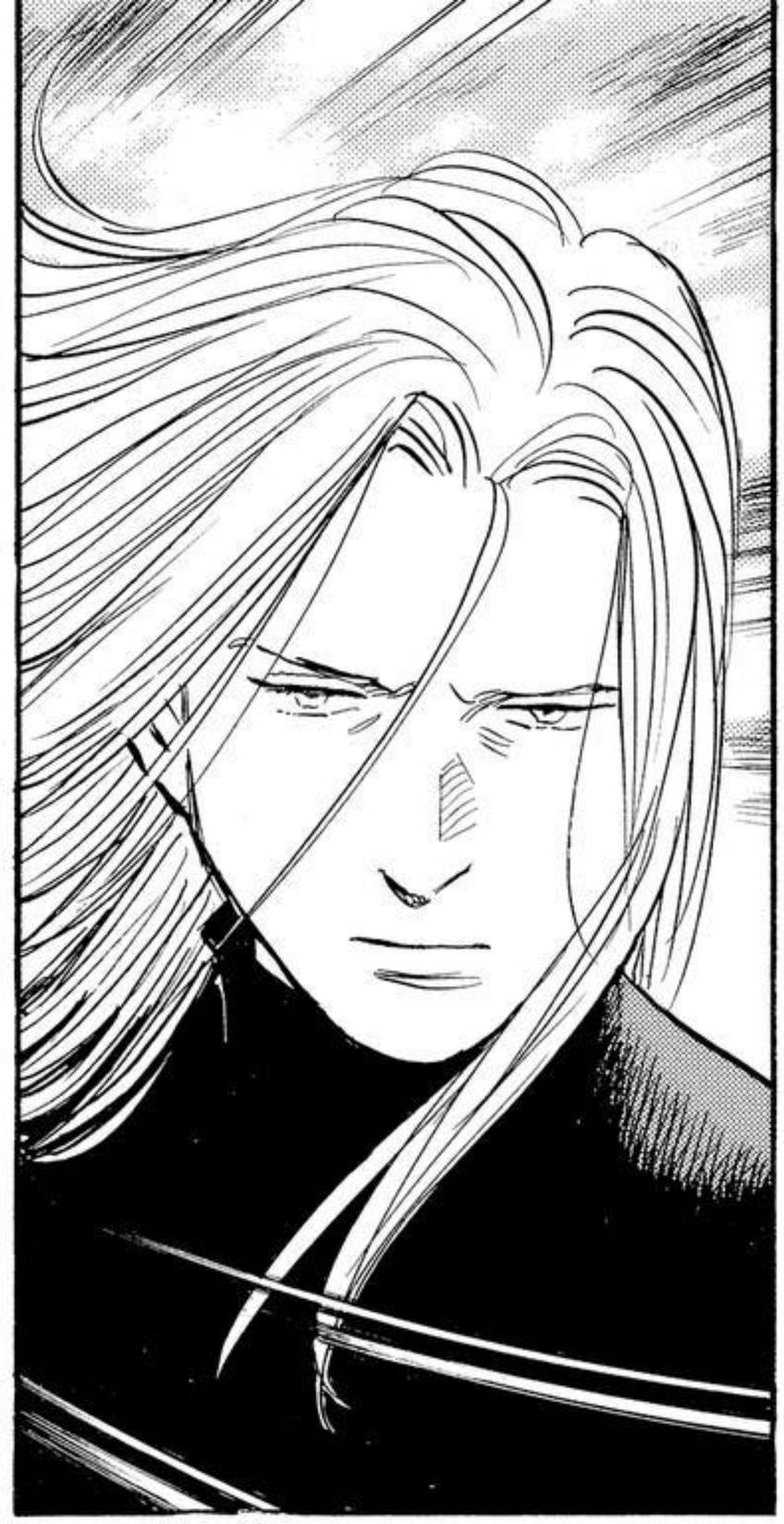

I'LL BE WAITING AT THREE THOUSAND METERS.

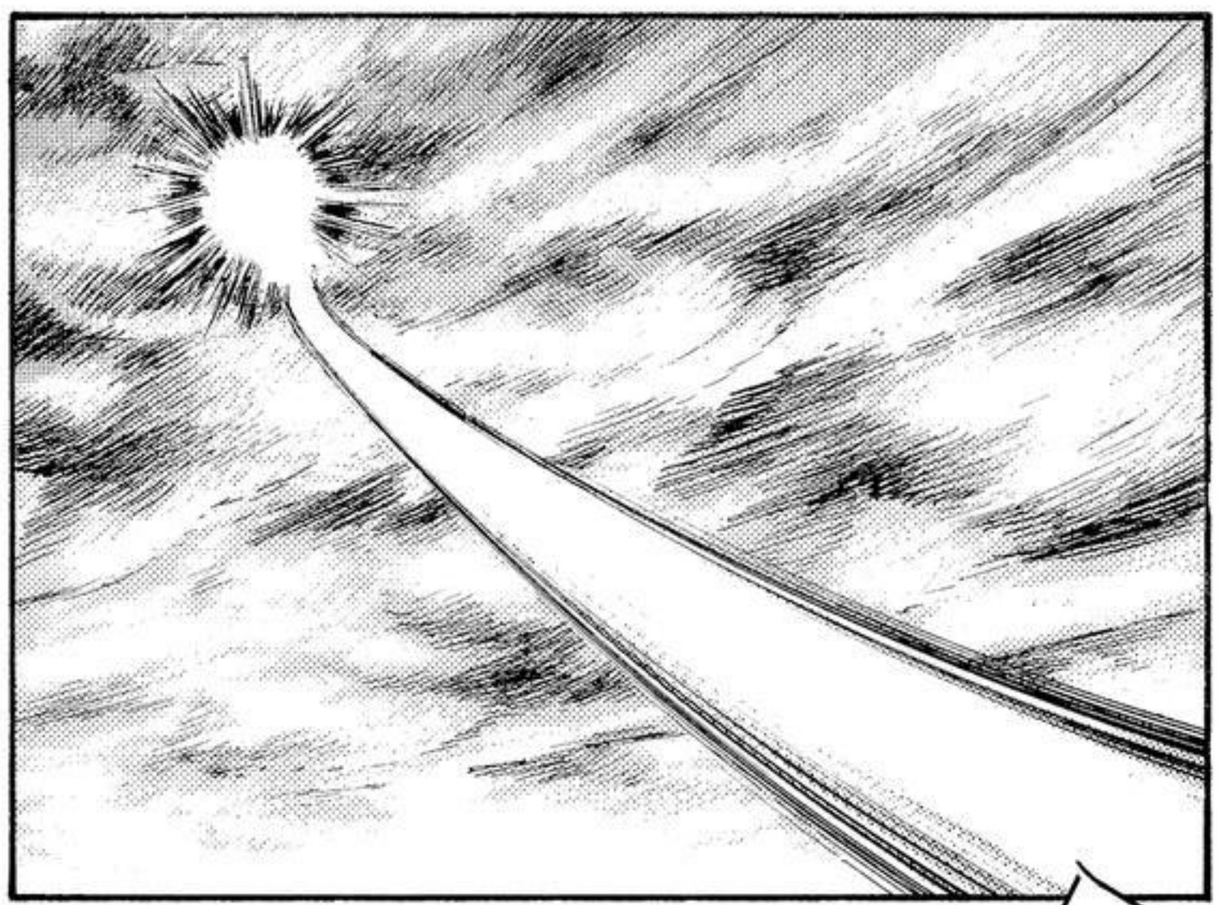
YOU CAN COLLECT DATA FROM THE FIGHT.

...IT'LL MAKE ME FIGHT BETTER.
EVEN IF I HAVE ONLY A SINGLE FAN IN MY CORNER...


I'LL DO THAT, HERCULES.

AFTER ALL, I'M HERCULES, THE GOD OF BATTLE!





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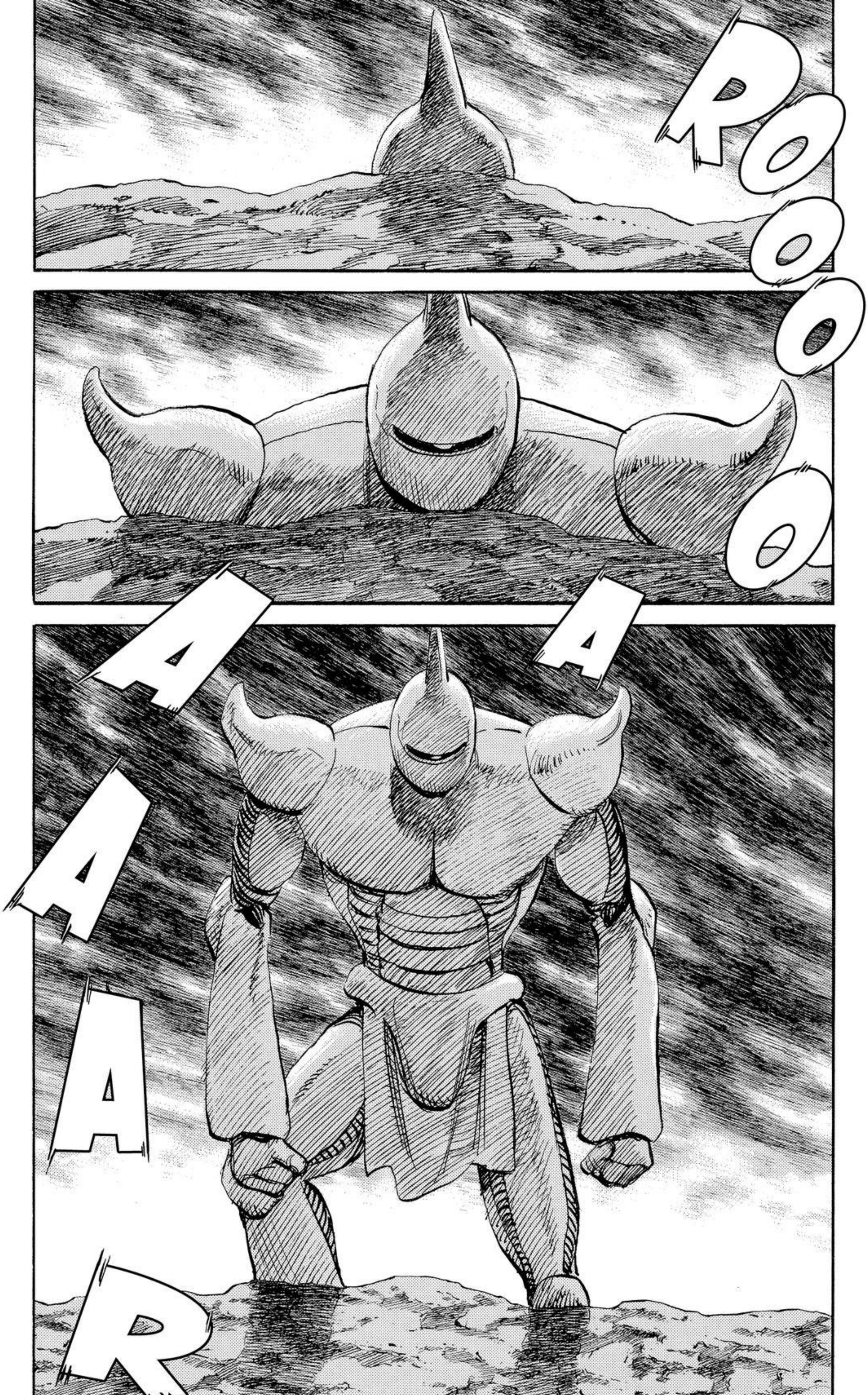
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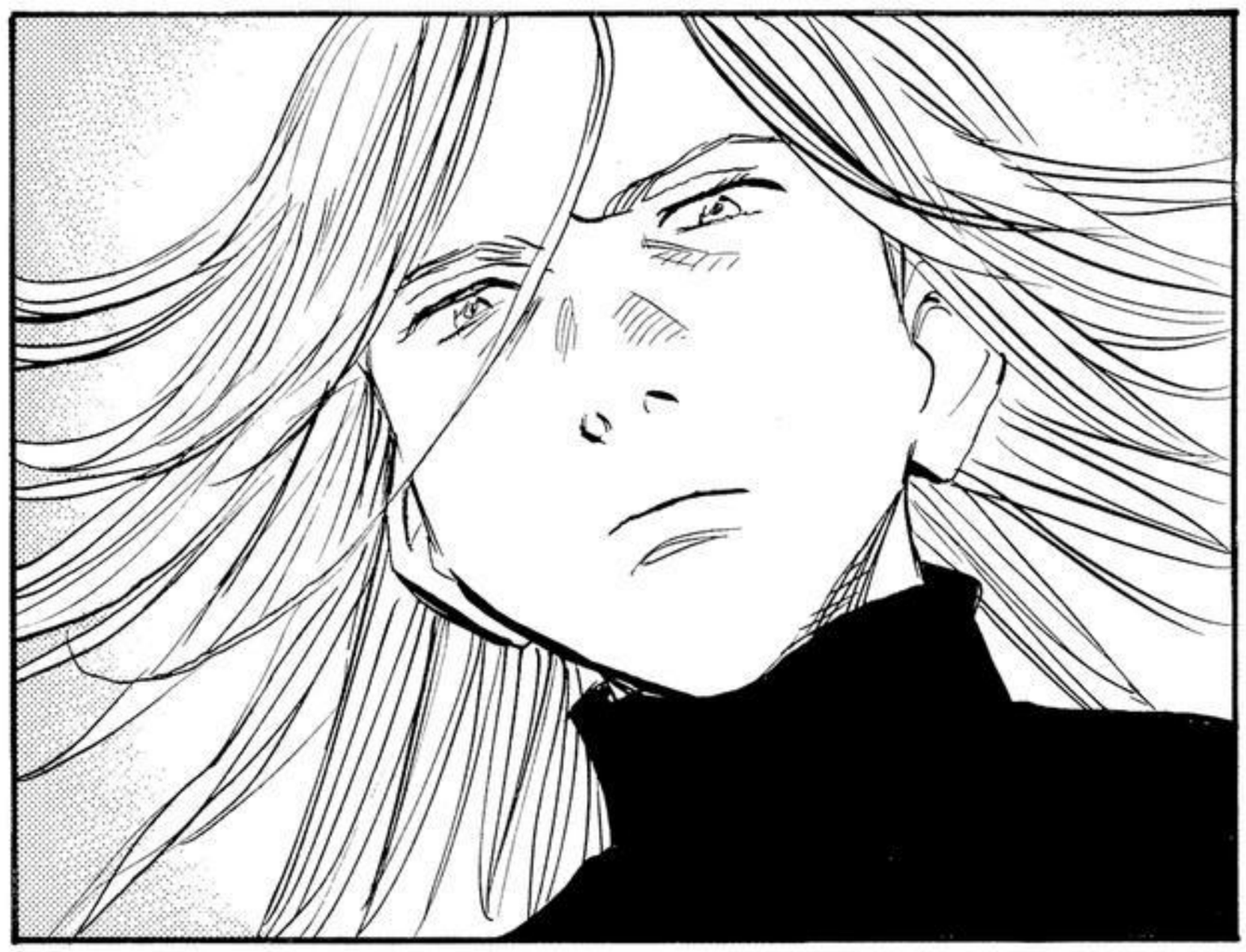

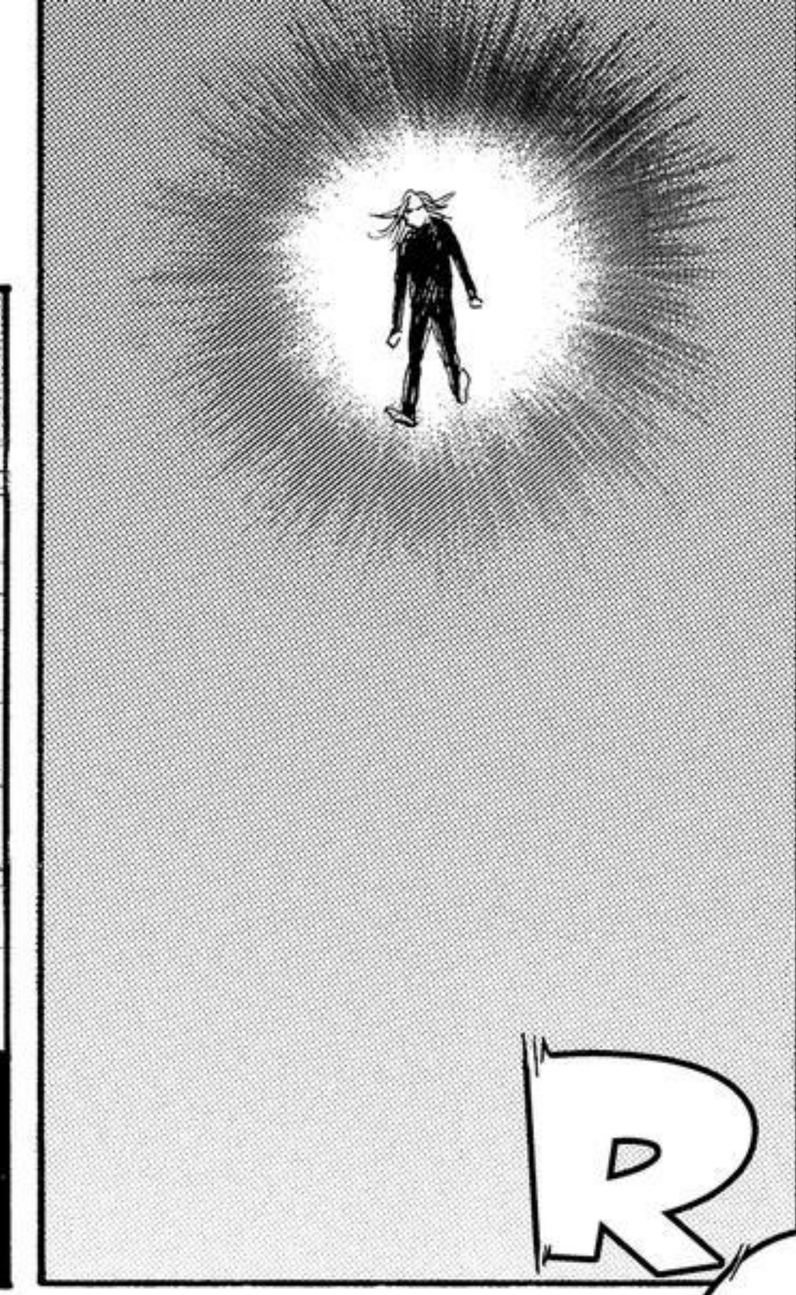
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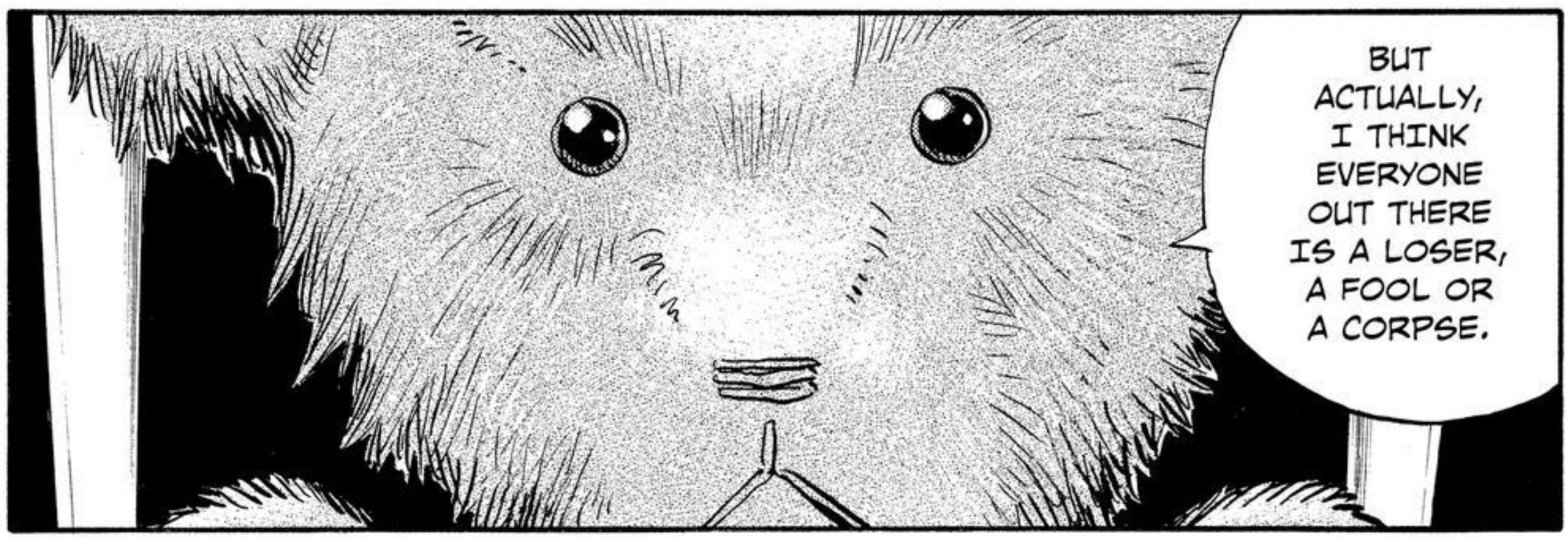
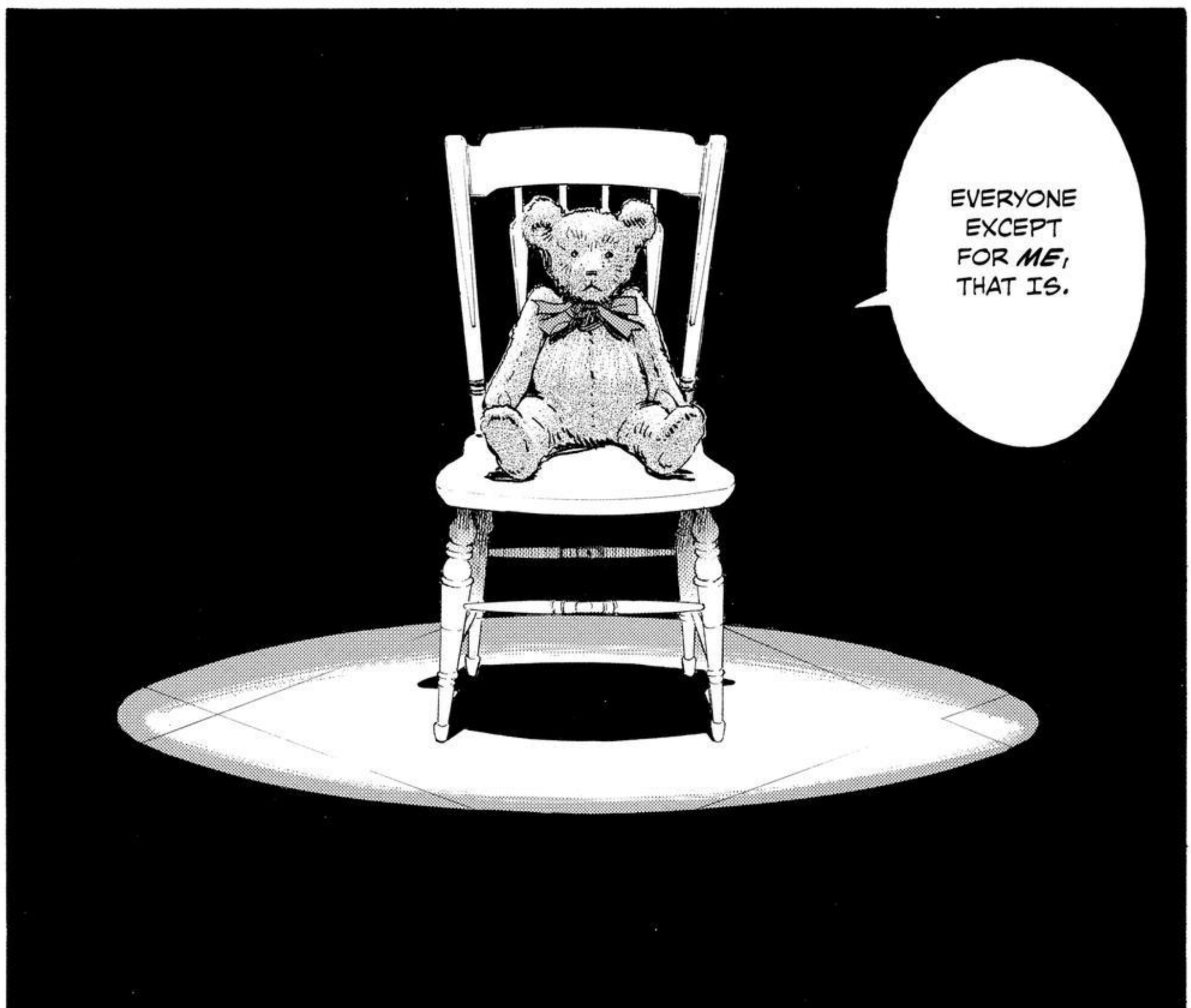
THEY SAY THE WORLD IS COMPOSED OF VICTORS AND THE VANQUISHED...

THE LIVING AND THE DEAD...

SAGES AND FOOLS...


BUT ACTUALLY, I THINK EVERYONE OUT THERE IS A LOSER, A FOOL OR A CORPSE.


EVERYONE EXCEPT FOR *ME*, THAT IS.

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THE BOUTS WE FOUGHT WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY...

I'D HOPED TO SETTLE THINGS, BRANDO...

BUT EVERY ONE OF 'EM ENDED IN NO CONTEST RULINGS...

I'M GONNA SETTLE *THIS* THING, THOUGH.

BUT WE NEVER GOT THE CHANCE...

SHOOM

UNLIKE MY FIGHTS WITH YOU, THIS IS NO COMPETITION ...

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GOD'S CHOICE

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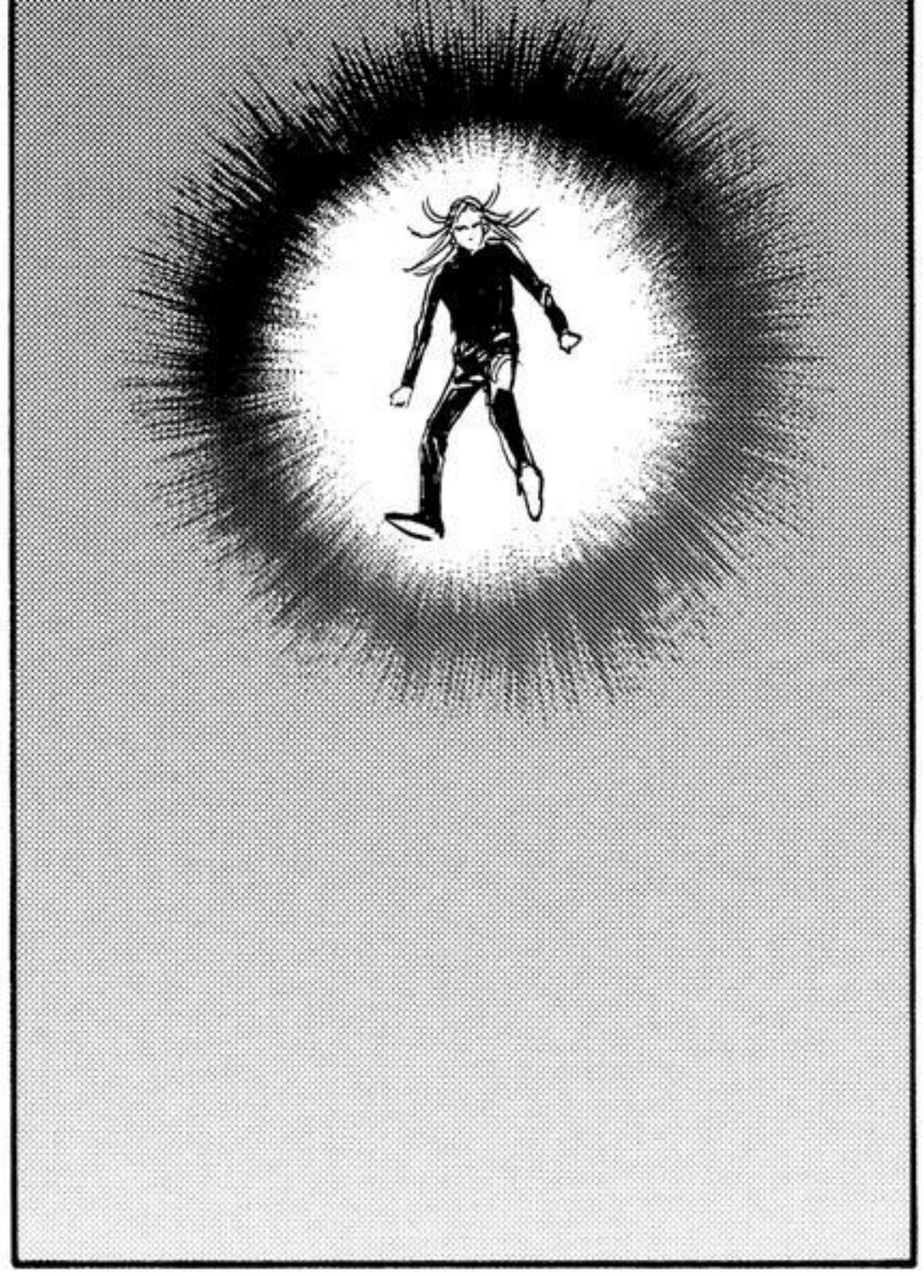
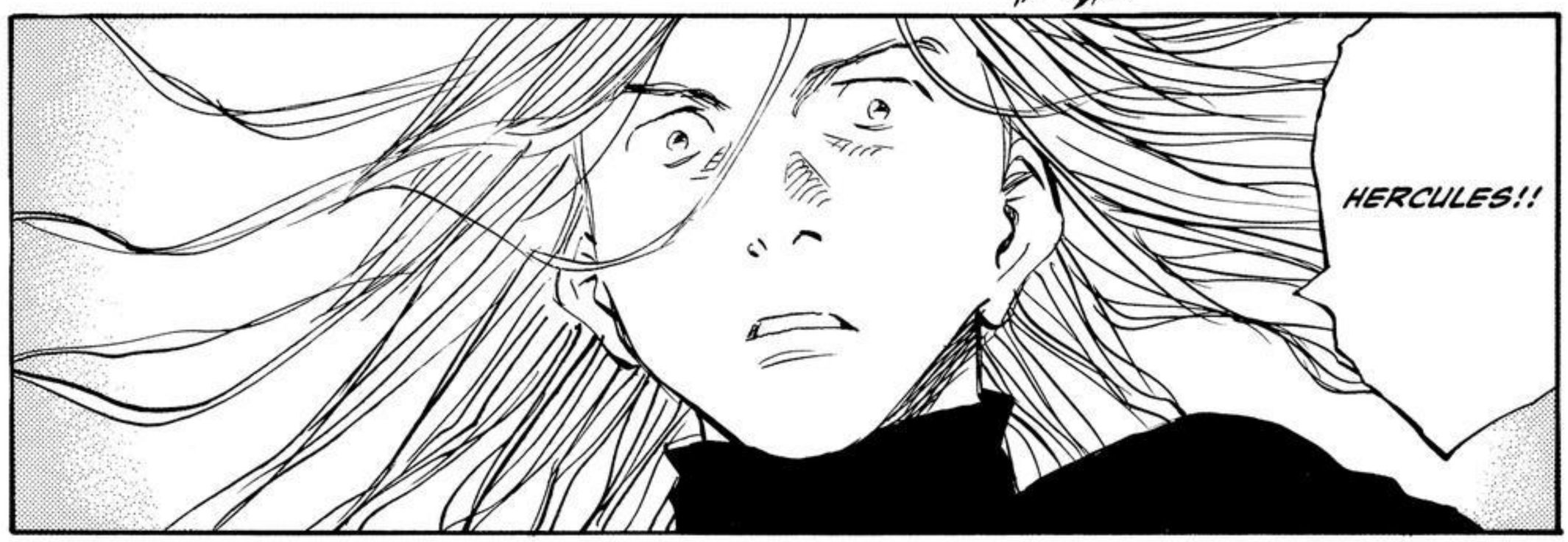
YOU THINK SILLY TRICKS LIKE THIS ARE GONNA SCARE ME?!

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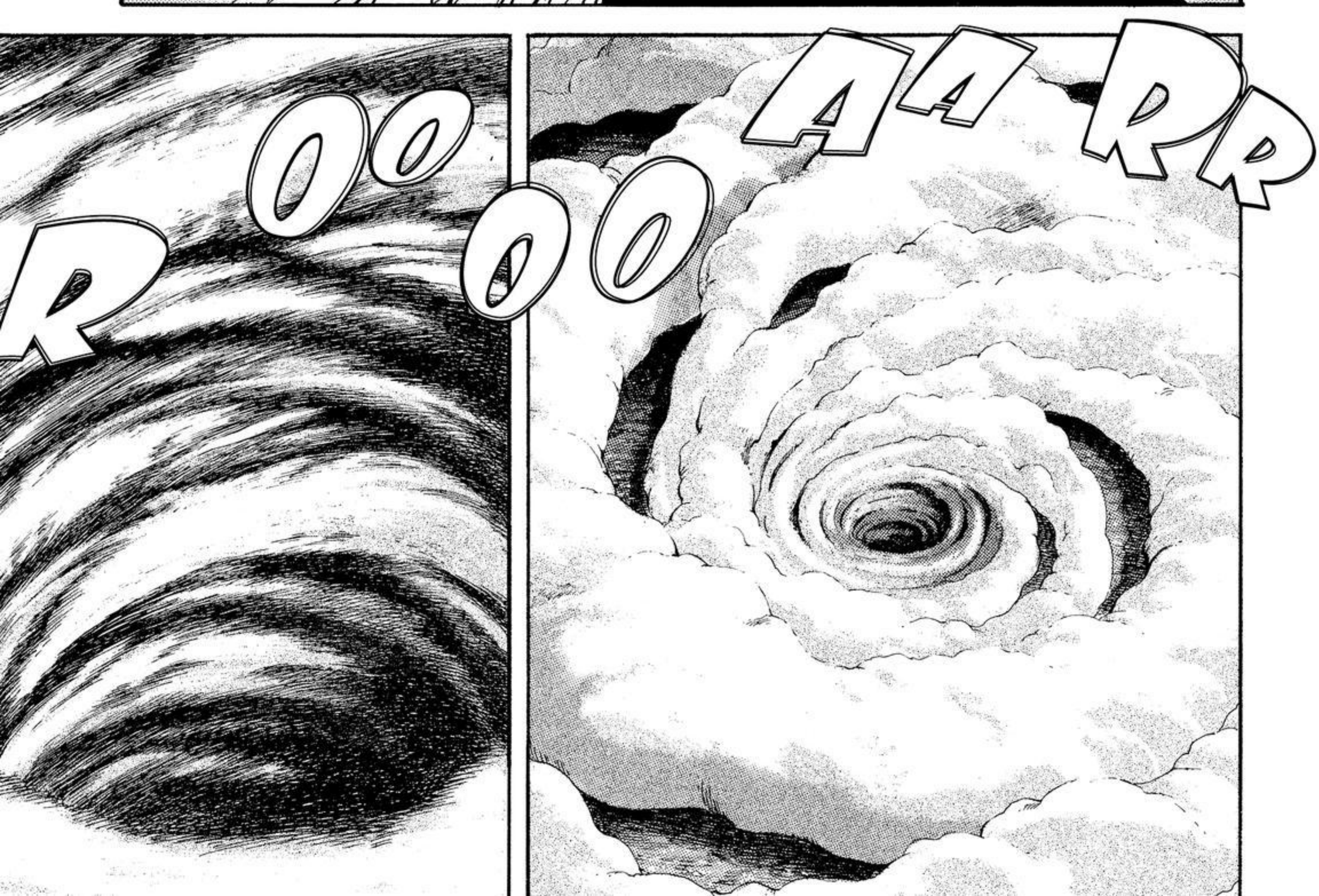
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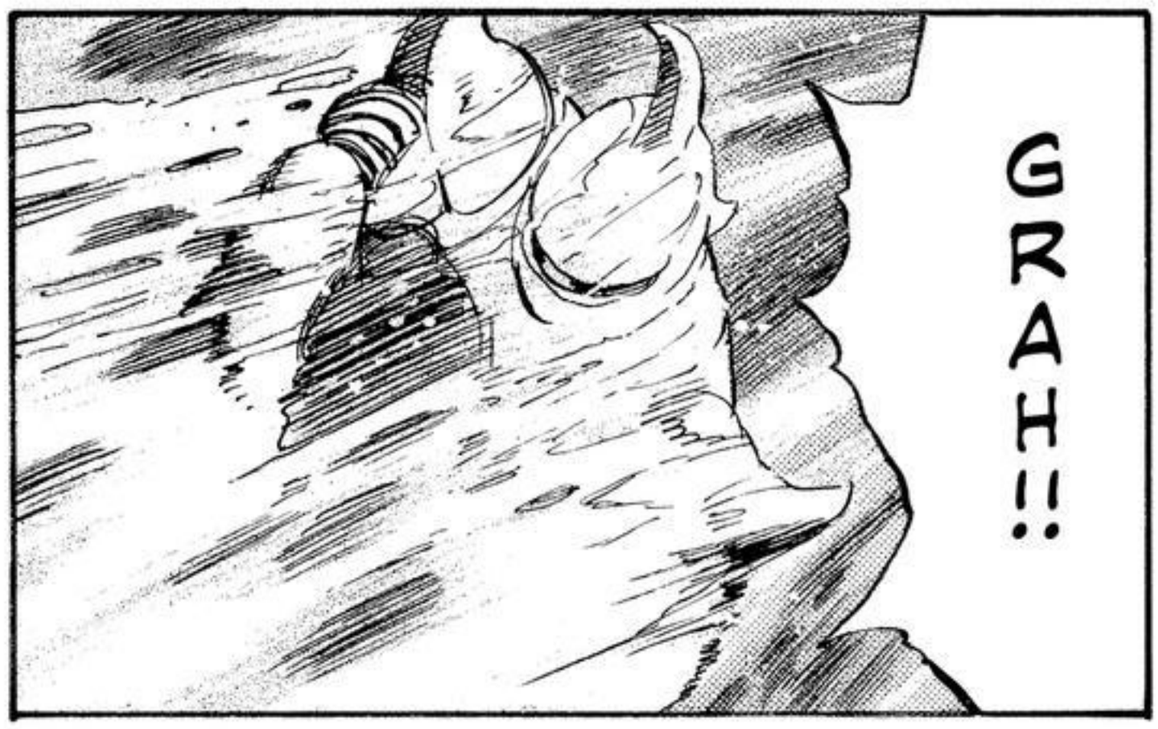

GRAH!!

ARGGH!!

GRNCH
SO THIS IS YOUR TRUE FORM, EH?

...!!

DIE, DAMN YOU!!

SHOOK

I HEREBY DECLARE THE 99TH MILITARY TRIBUNAL TO BE IN SESSION.

THE DEFENDANT SHALL NOW TAKE THE OATH.

DARIUS XIV.

LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK. TAKE THE OATH...

GOD HAS LITTLE FAITH IN THE OATHS OF MAN.

OATH, YOU SAY...?

GOD HAS NO FAITH IN THE LIKES OF MAN.

MEN TELL LIES.

SWEAR THE OATH, AND LET US PROCEED.

YOU HAVE REPEATED THE SAME THING 99 TIMES IN THIS COURTROOM.

AS FAR AS GOD IS CONCERNED, MAN IS A FLAWED CREATION-- A FAILURE.

ORDER IN THE COURT!

MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR

MURMUR MURMUR

MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR

MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR

BY SOME KIND OF NEW SPECIES... THE ROBOT.

MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR

HE MUST BE REPLACED BY SOMETHING ELSE...

SILENCE!

BAM BAM

YOU'RE THE ONE, DARIUS, WHO ORDERED THE MASSACRE OF COUNTLESS ROBOTS!!

ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE!!

BAM BAM

REMOVE THE DEFENDANT FROM THE COURTROOM!

I HEREBY DECLARE THIS COURT *AD-JOURNED*!

MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR

BAM BAM

SILENCE IN THE COURT!

RIGHT! YOU'RE SPOUTING *NONSENSE*! NOTHING BUT *CONTRA-DICTIONS*!

BAM BAM

AS A MASS MURDERER, WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO TALK ABOUT A NEW SPECIES?

IT WAS A STEP IN AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS.

THERE WAS NO MASS MURDER.

THERE ARE NO CONTRA-DICTIONS.

PRONOUNCE THE VERDICT *NOW*!!

BAM BAM

THERE'S NO SENSE IN CONTINUING THE TRIAL!!

BAM BAM

DARIUS HAS ONLY *CONTEMPT* FOR THE COURT!

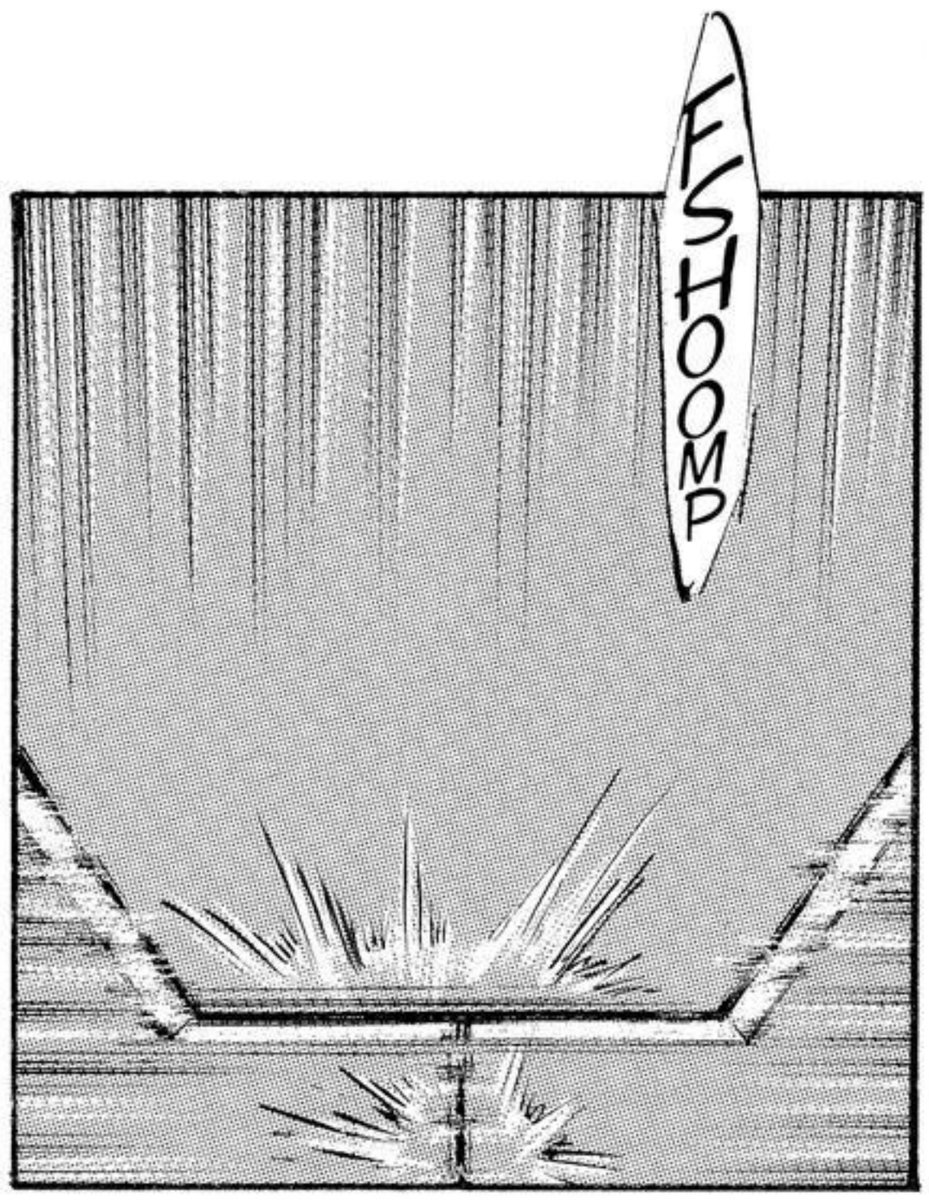
LET US KNOW IF WE CAN HELP IN ANY WAY...

DARIUS... I'M FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANI-ZATION...

SENTENCE HIM TO *DEATH*!!

DEATH TO *DARIUS*!

BAM BAM BAM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I'D LIKE SOME CRAYONS...

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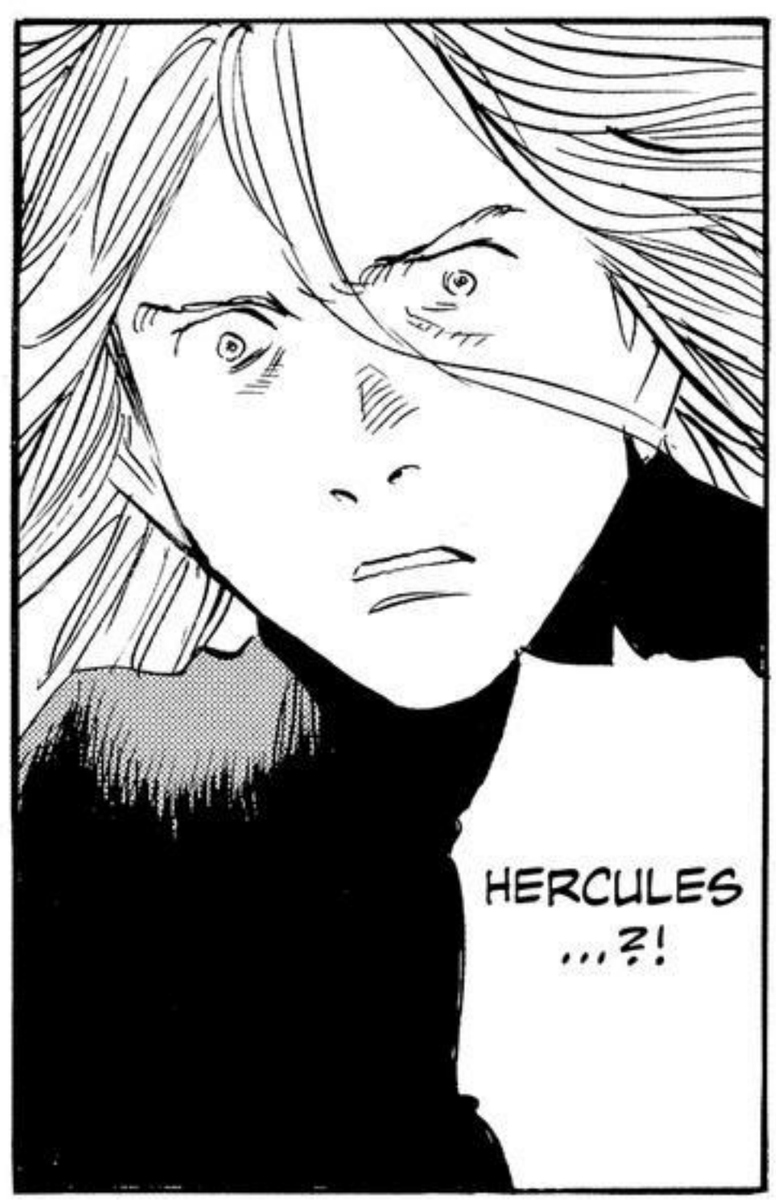
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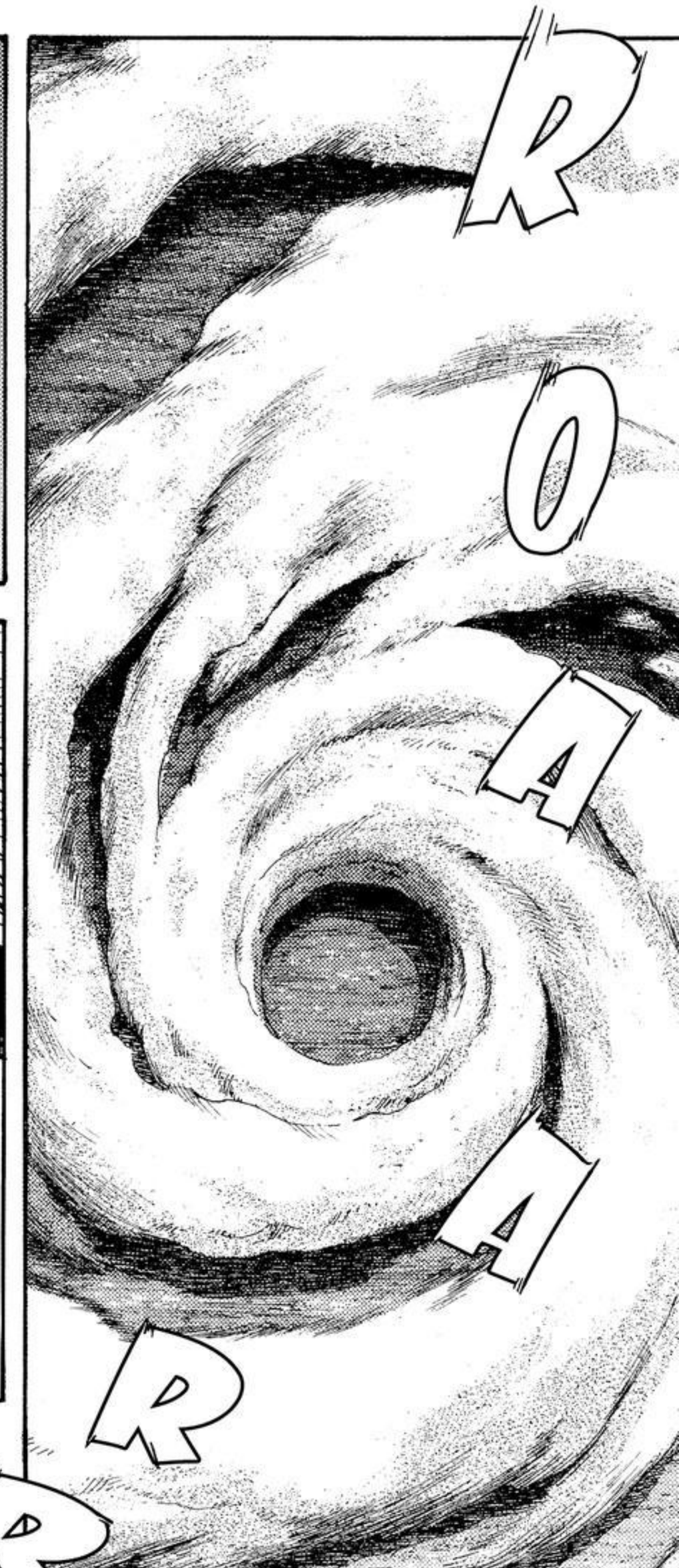
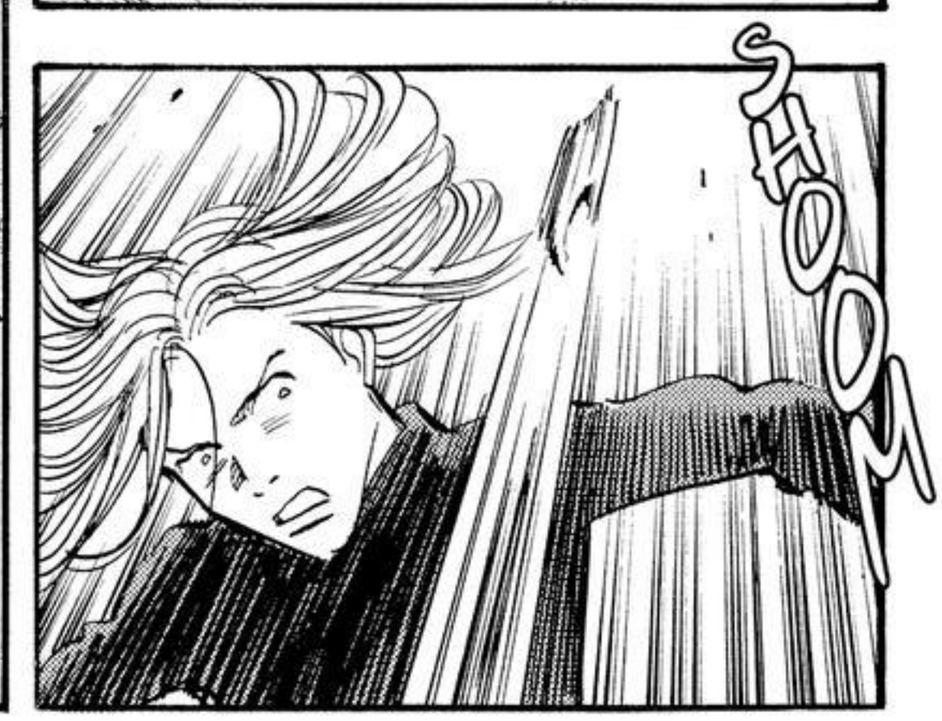

RAAAR

THESE PARTS...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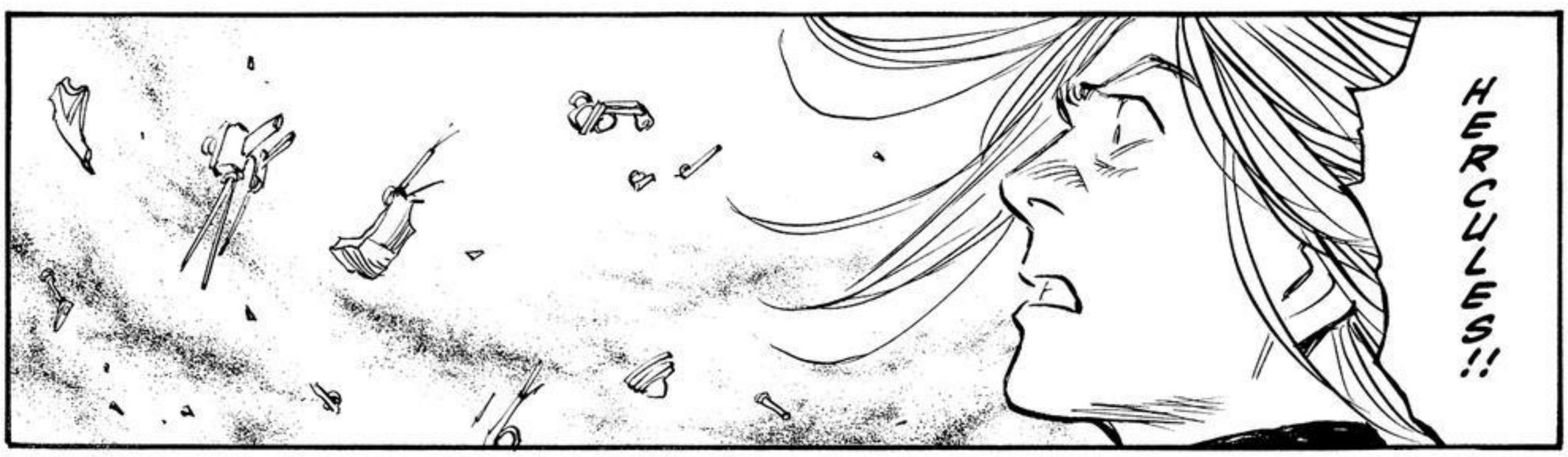

HERCULES!!

SOME ARE FROM HIS OPPONENT!

WAIT...

GASP

COULD THEY HAVE DESTROYED EACH OTHER?

TWITCH

THERE'S HIS DAILY-LIFE BODY...

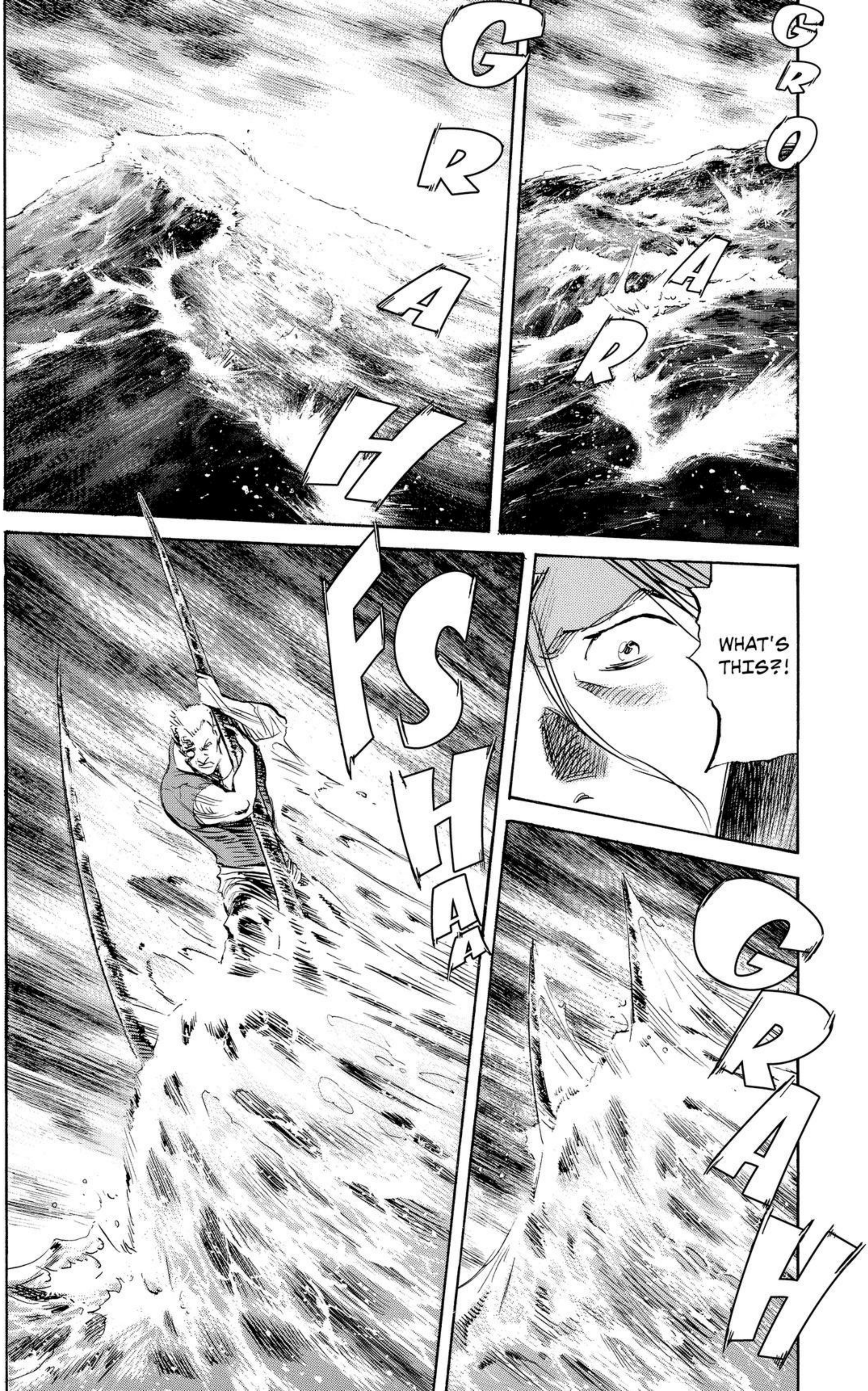
FSHOO

SCRNCH

SHUF

PARTS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE OCEAN... AND, AGH... I'M SENSING AN ODD ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELD... UNABLE TO PROCESS...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

FWOOSH


GRAHH
GRO
ARR
WHAT'S THIS?!
HAA
GRAAH

SICREHCE

AAAGH!!

THESE HORNS ...
IF I CAN BREAK ONE OFF, I'LL BE ABLE TO...

SURREEEE
IF I HELP HERCULES NOW, WE CAN DEFEAT THE ENEMY!!

SCRUB SCRUB

SCRUB SCRUB

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

HEY...

WHAT WON'T?

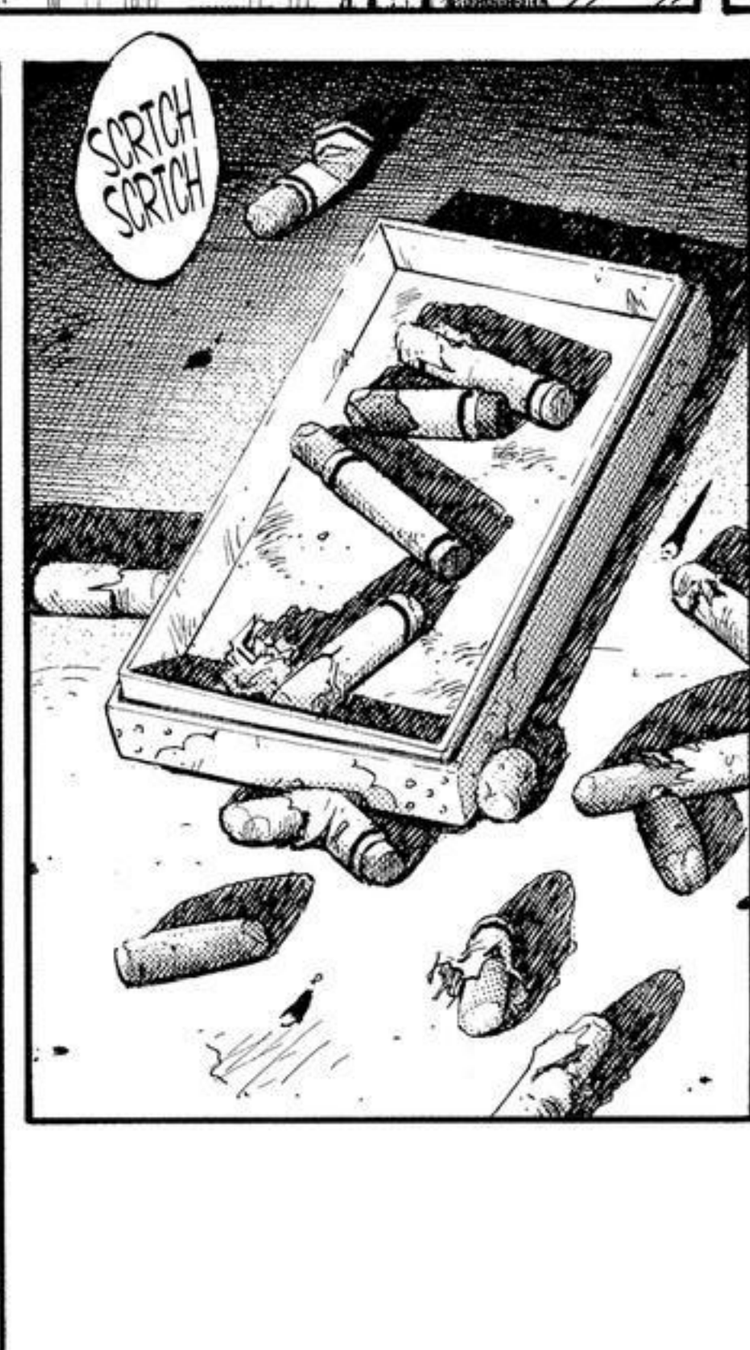
IT... IT WON'T COME OFF...

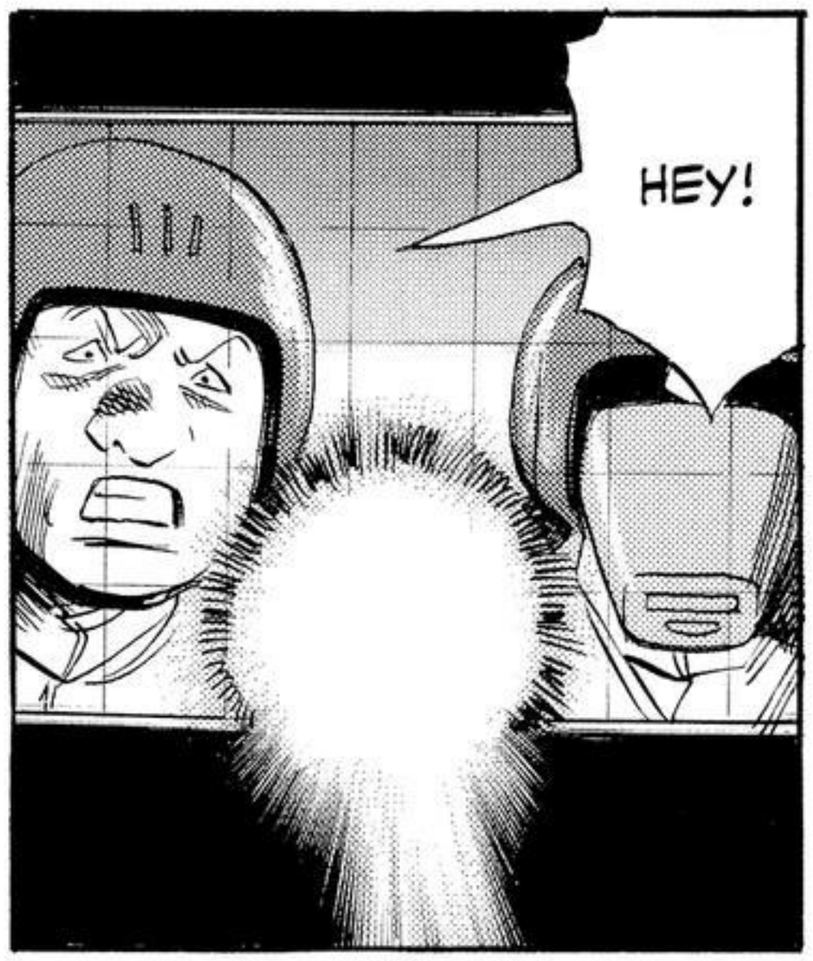
SCRUB SCRUB

SUBBBBE
IT WON'T COME OFF...
I... I CAN'T MOVE!
NNGH!!
WHAT ARE THESE IMAGES?!
SO THAT'S WHO YOU ARE!
HOOM
SO...
ARGGH...

ZNGI!
GRNCH
!!
!!
AAAARGH!!

TROMP
TROMP
TROMP




HEY!

SCRTCH SCRTCH
...THE ONES, CHOSEN BY GOD...
...THE ONES TO BOARD THE ARK...

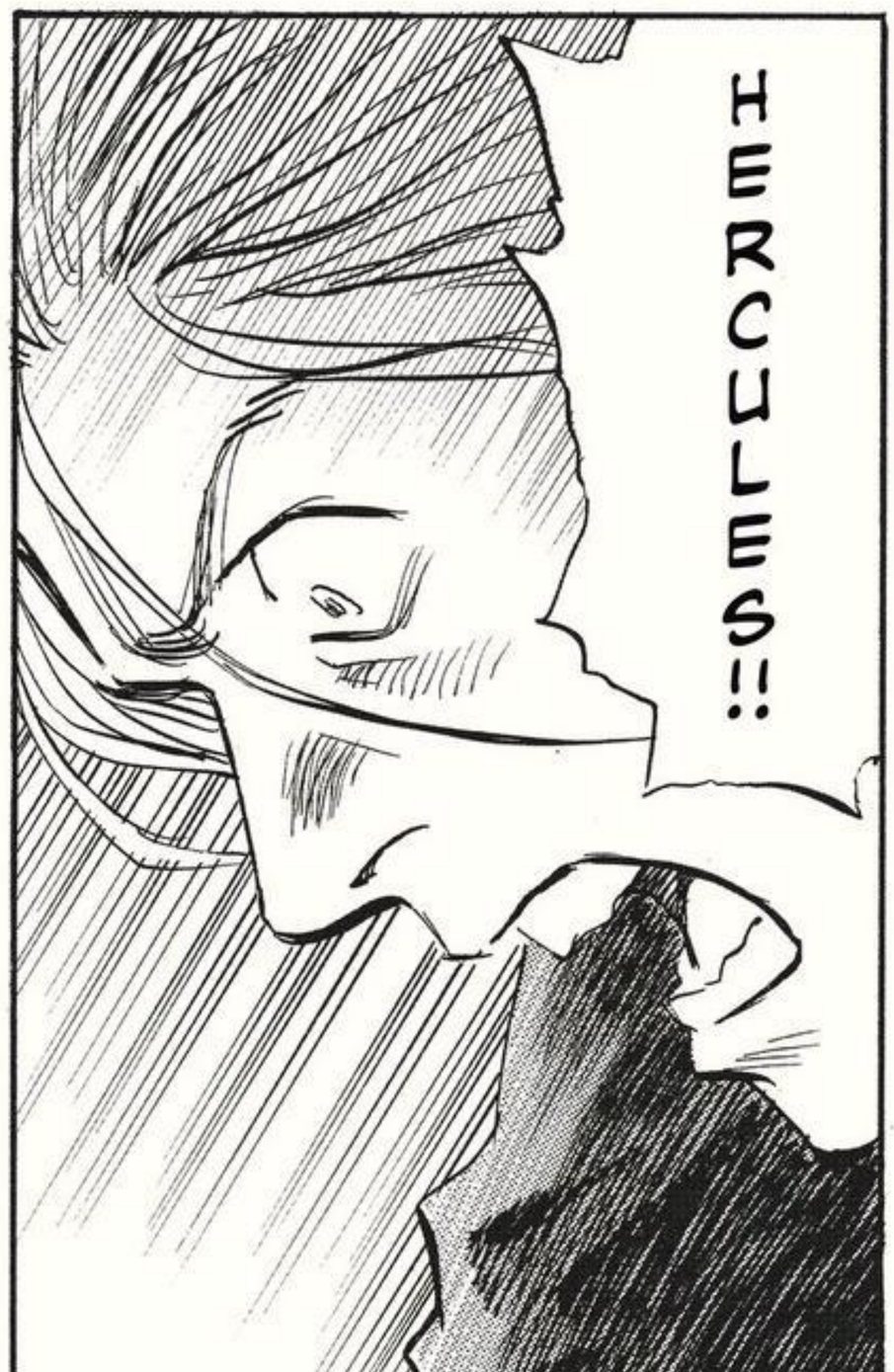
WHICH SHALL IT BE?
HUMAN OR ROBOT...

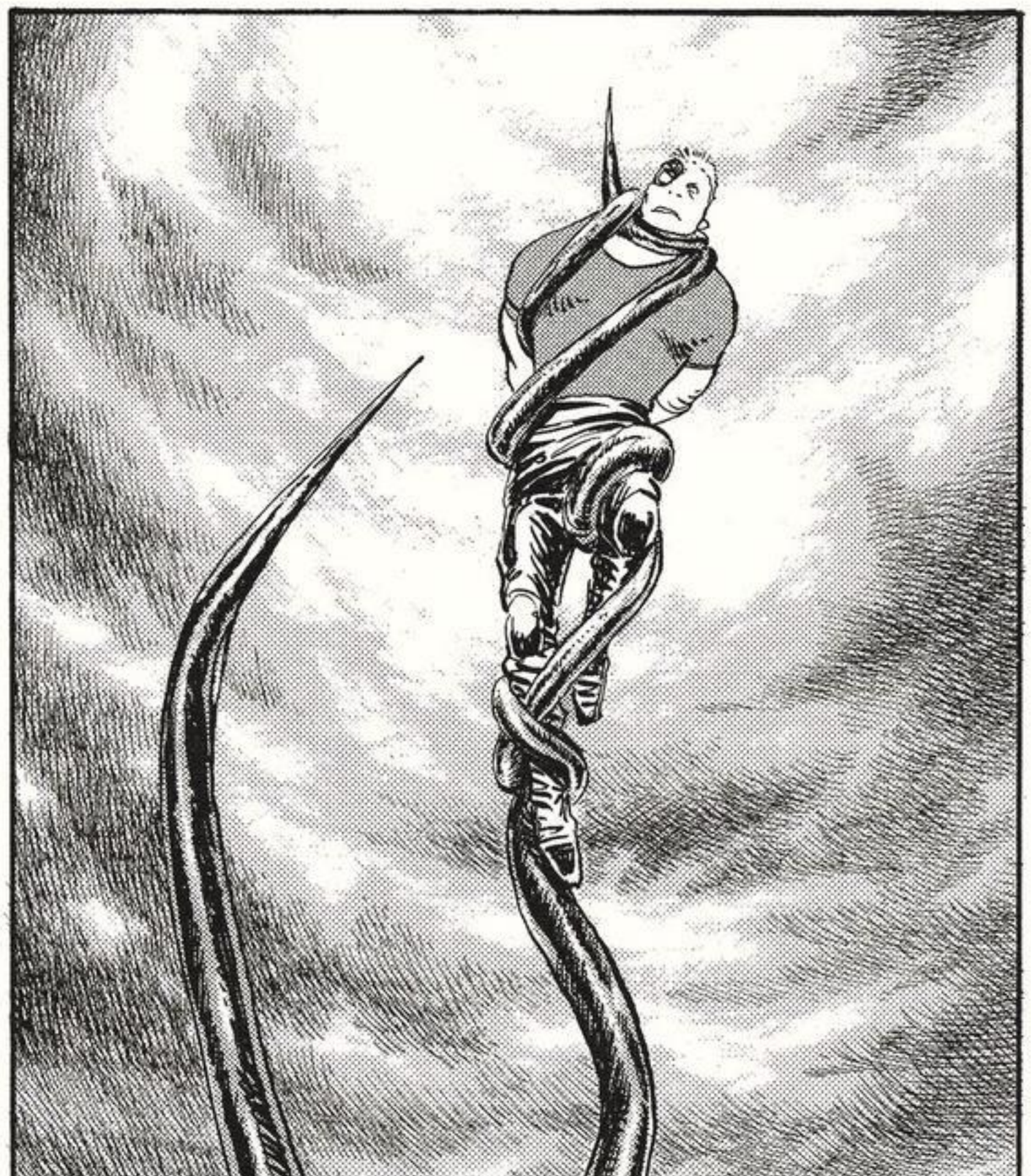
WHAT THE--?!

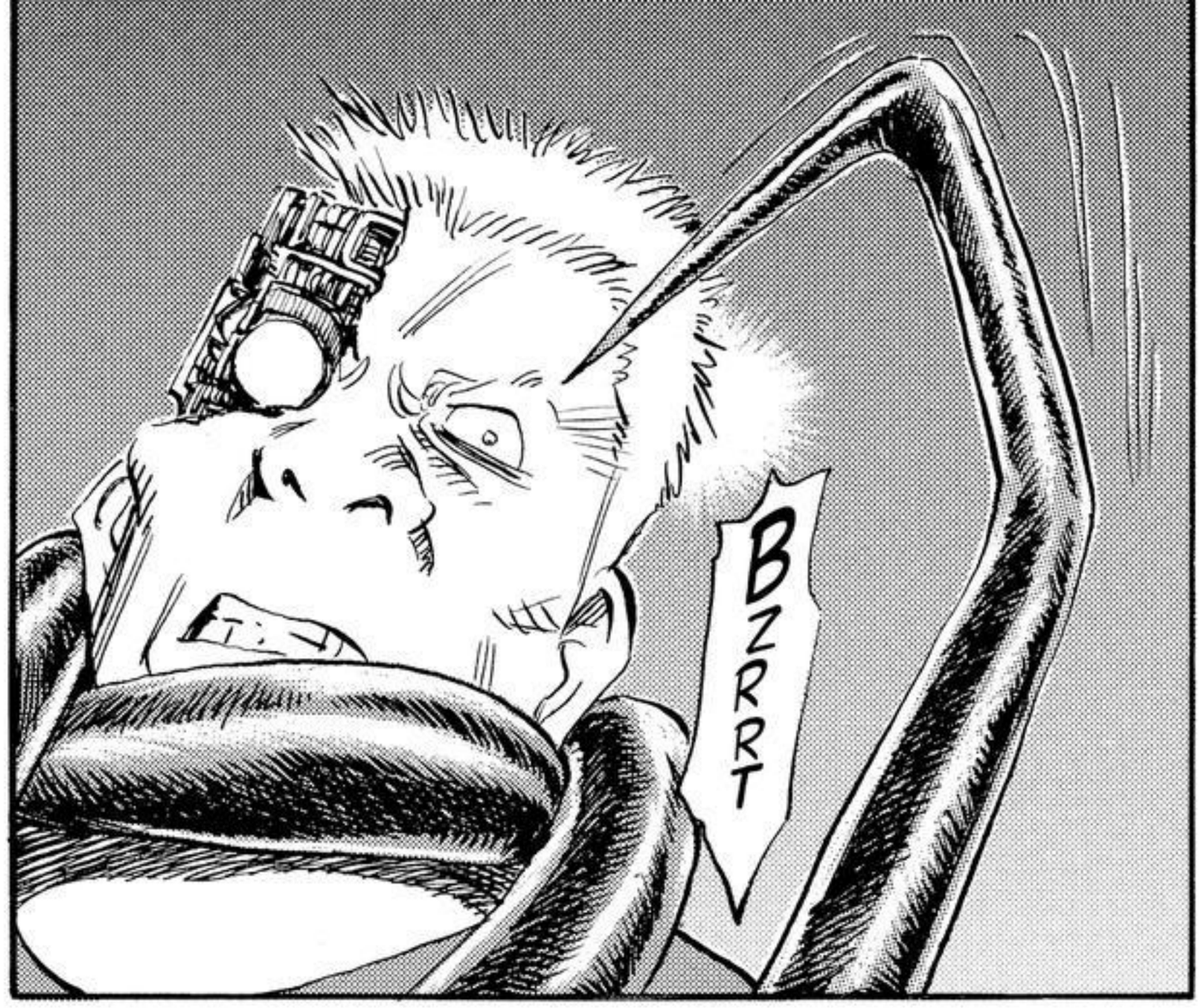
BEEP BEEP
OPEN UP!!

THE ONLY TRUE SURVIVOR ...

...WILL BE *PLUTO*...



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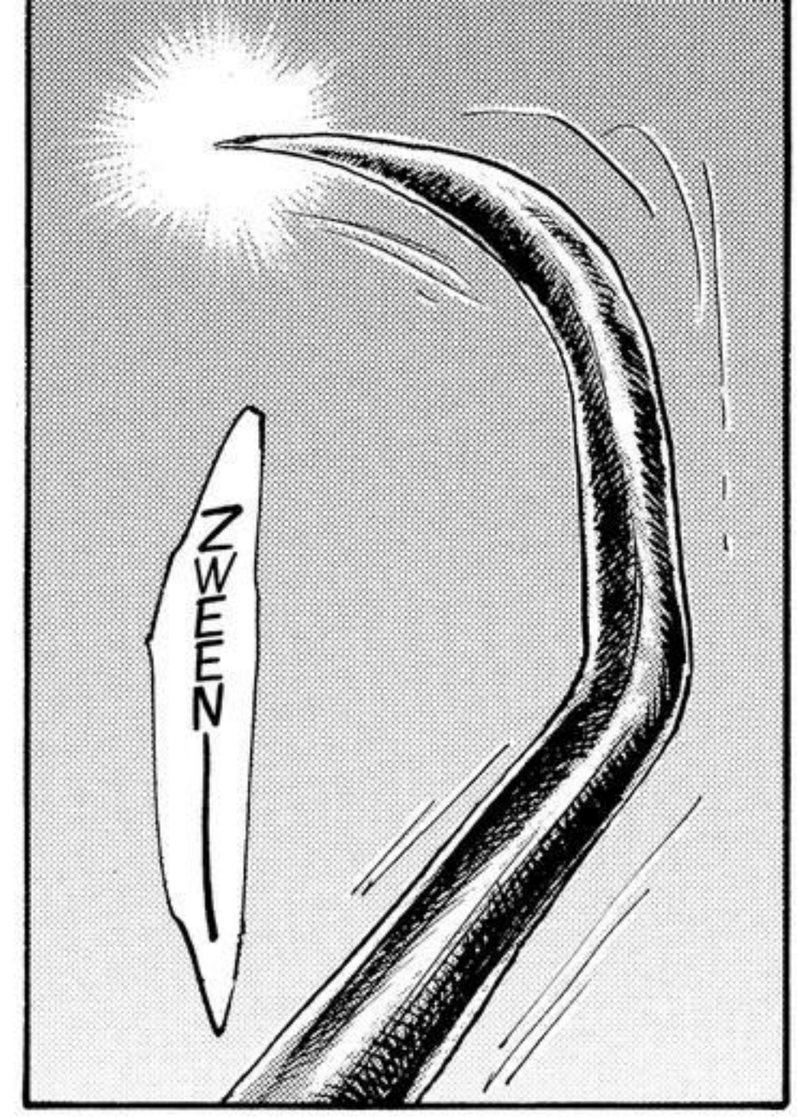
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FU
OOM

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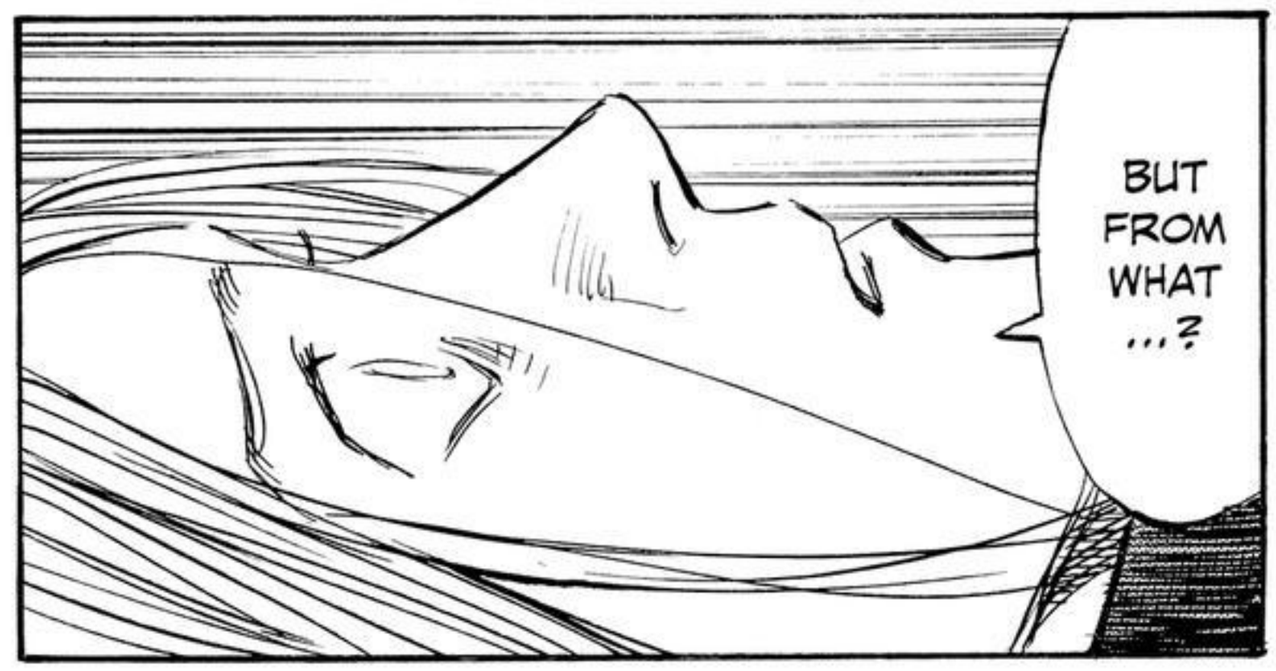
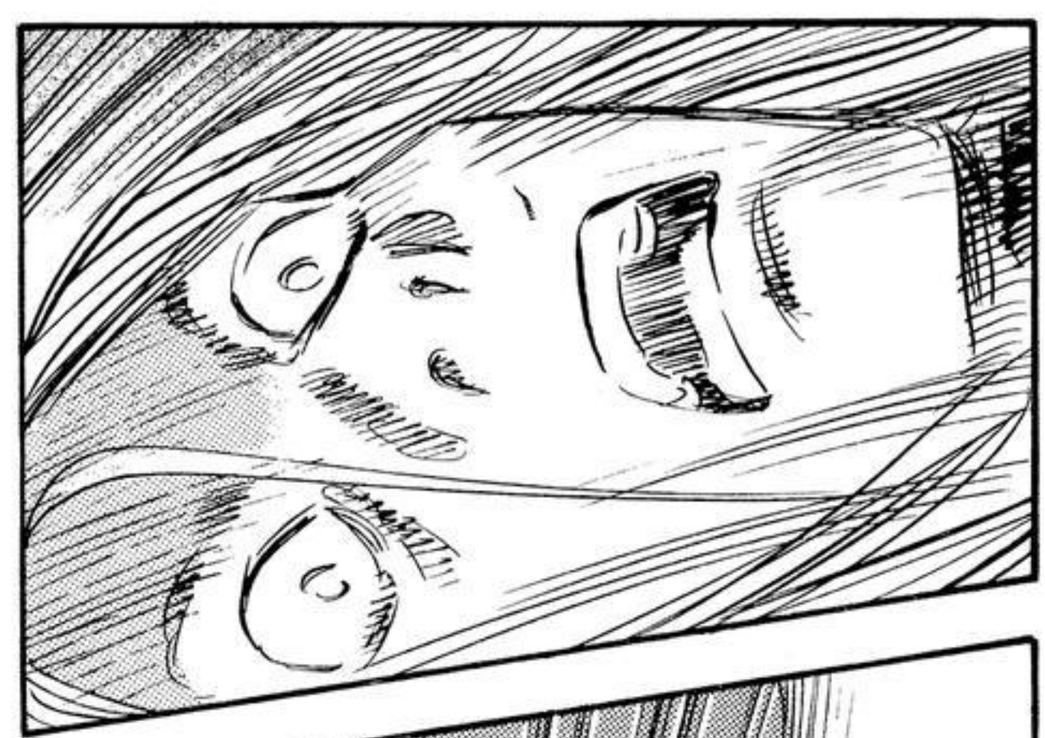
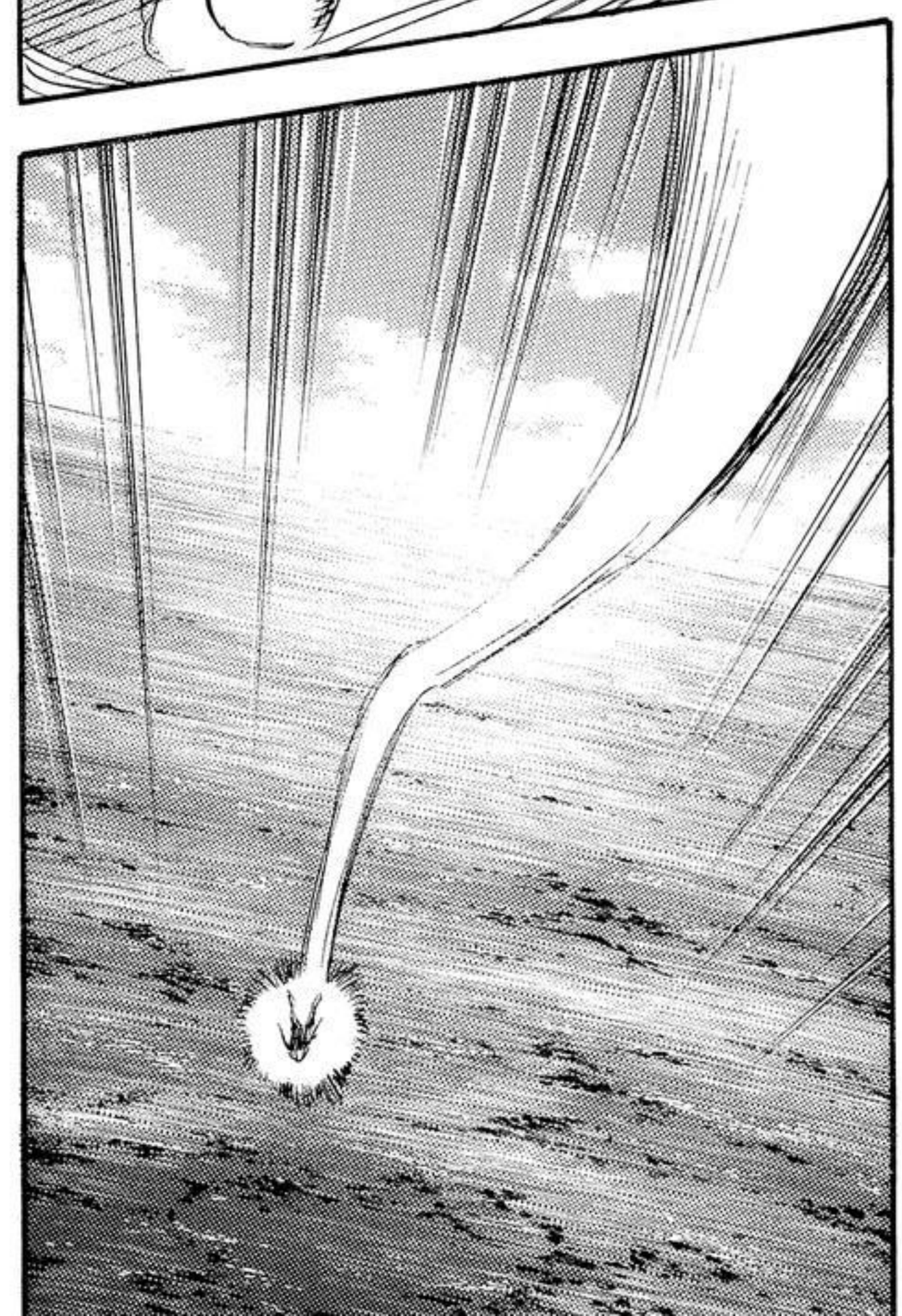
RUNNING AWAY...


BUT FROM WHAT ...?





THOOOM

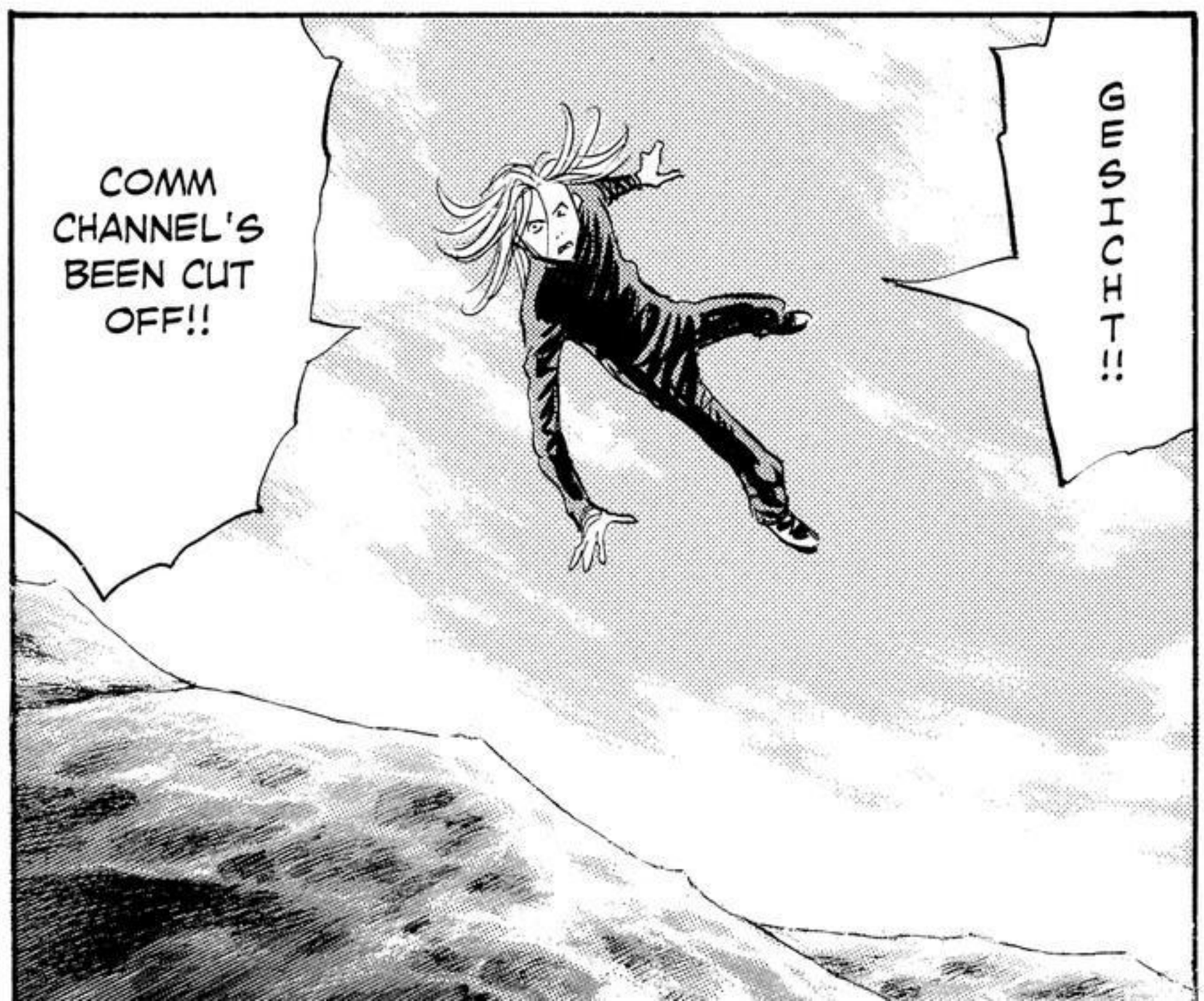
Act 35
GESICHT, DO YOU COPY?

MUST SEND OUT A MESSAGE...
FSHAA

THE ONLY ONE AUTHORIZED TO ARREST HIM...

I'VE GOT TO TELL HIM.

GESICHT ...

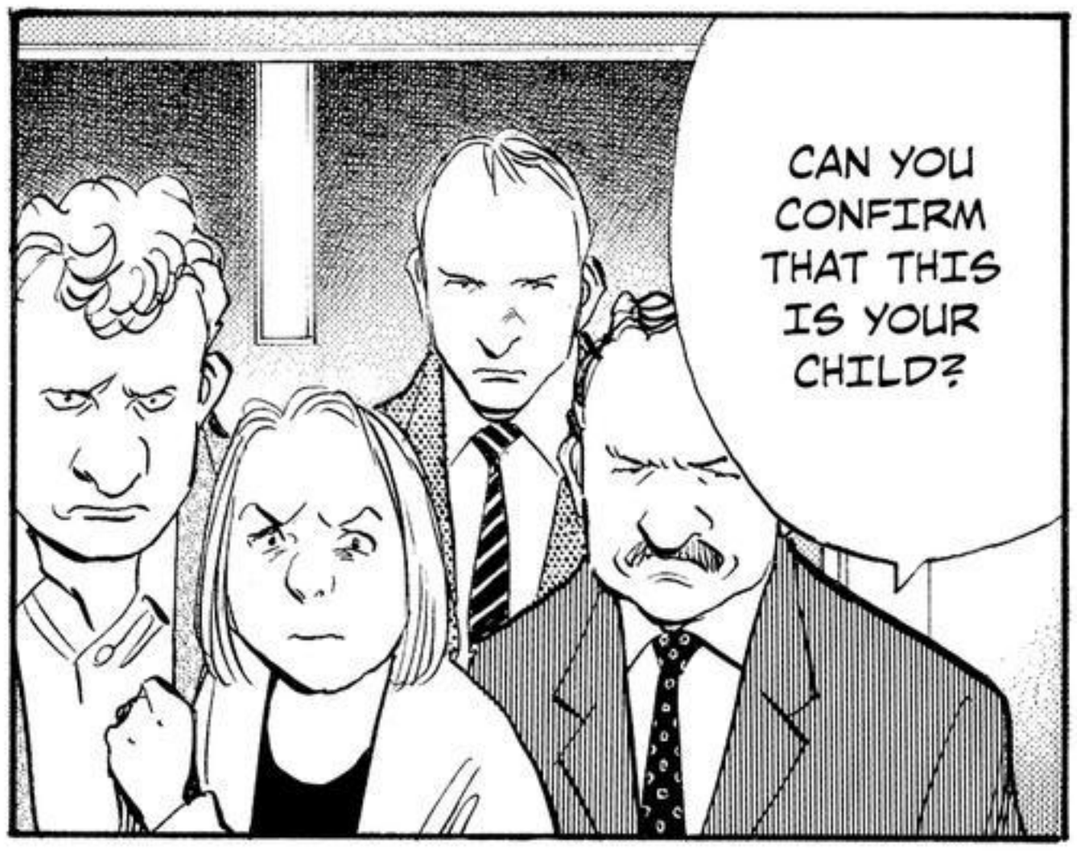

COMM CHANNEL'S BEEN CUT OFF!!
GESICHT!!

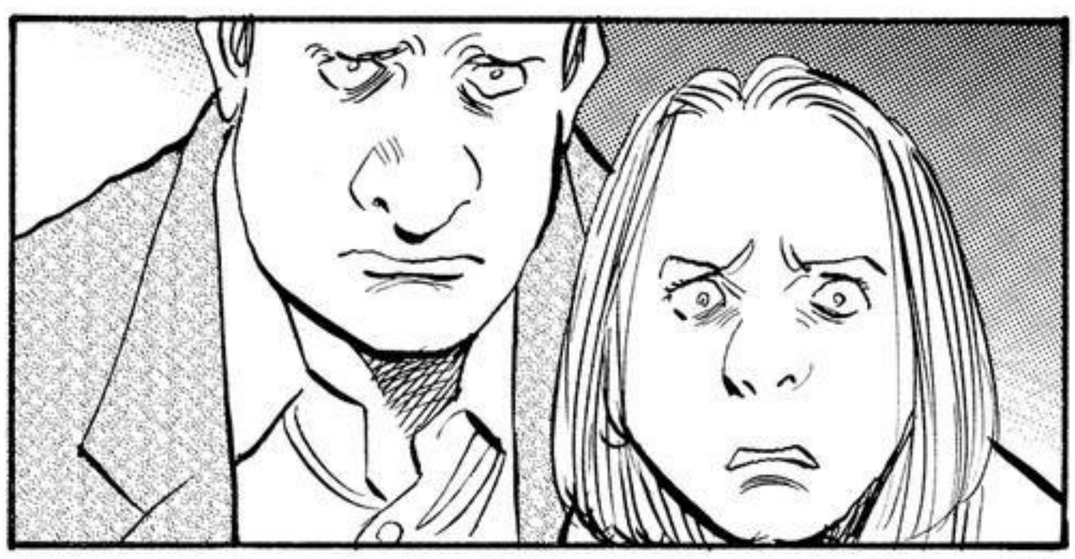
GESICHT?

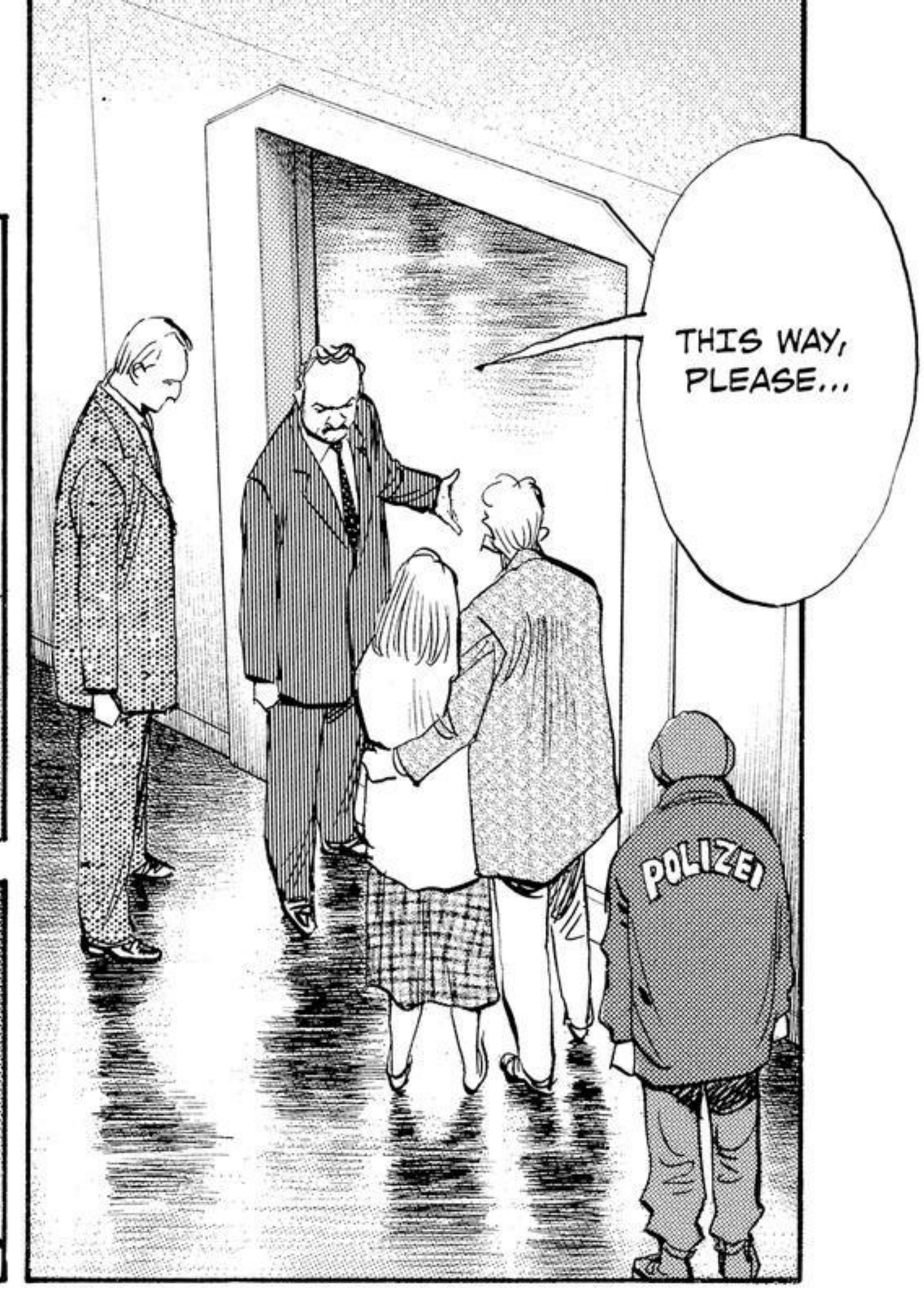
GESICHT, COME IN!!

GESICHT, DO YOU COPY?!

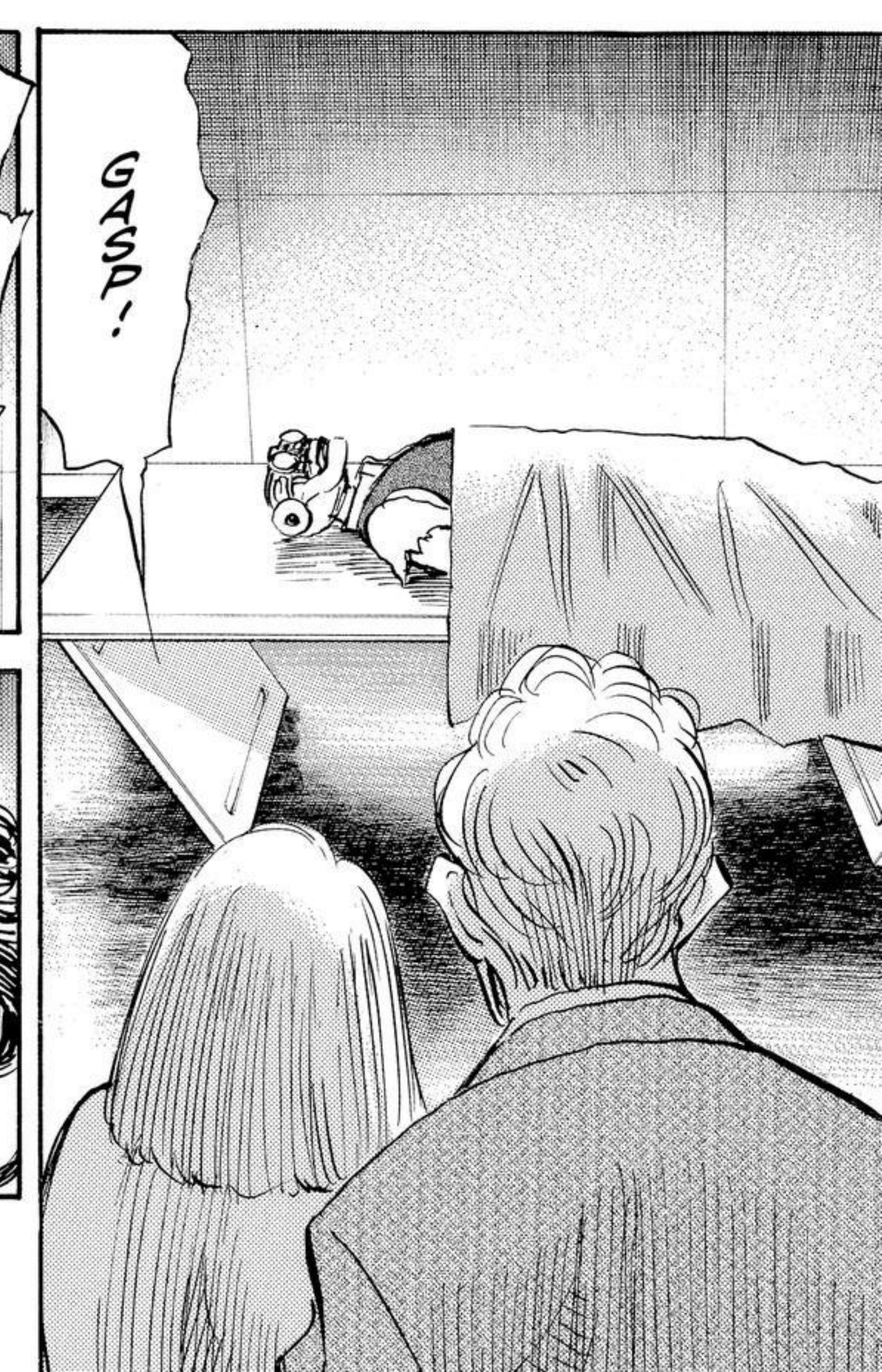
GESICHT!

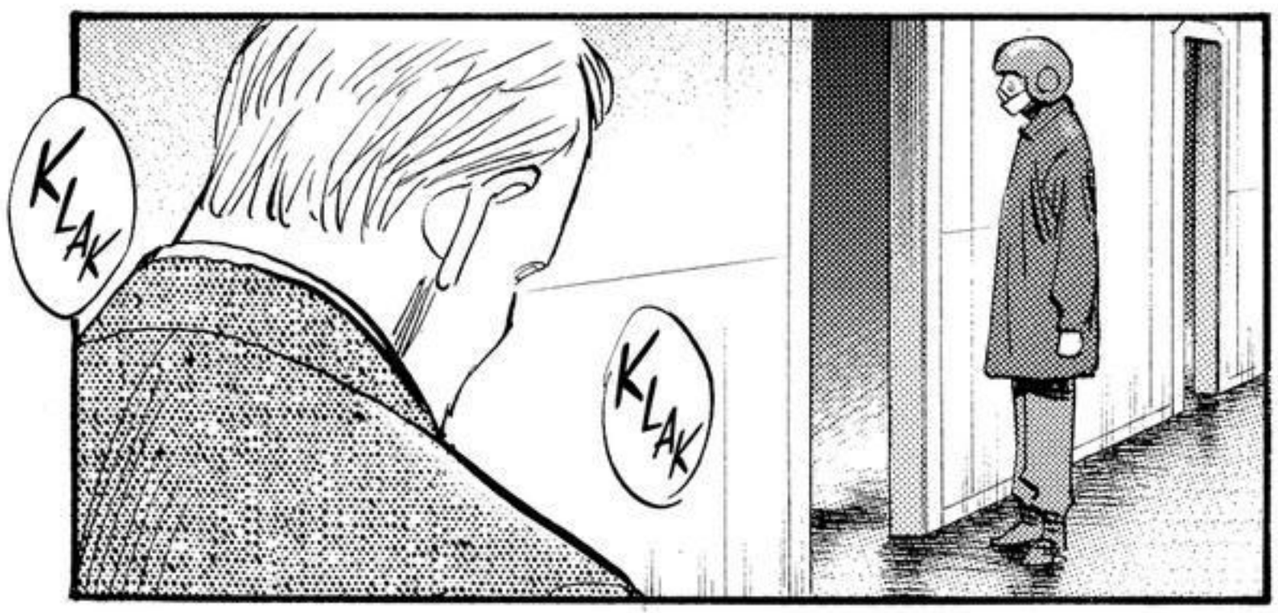

CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THIS IS YOUR CHILD?




THIS WAY, PLEASE...
POLIZEI

NOOOO!!
GESICHT, GO CHECK ON THAT OTHER COUPLE.

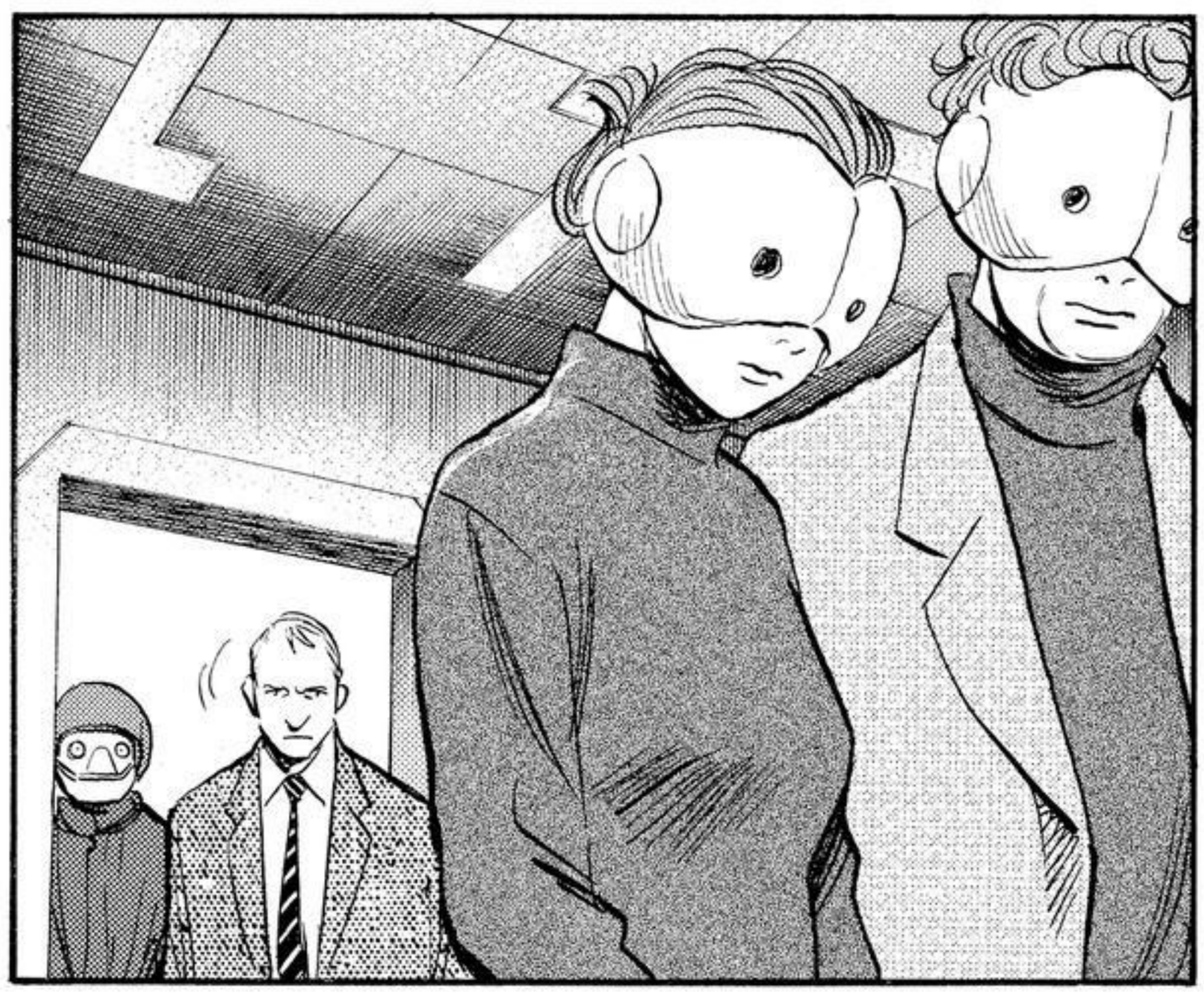

GASP!

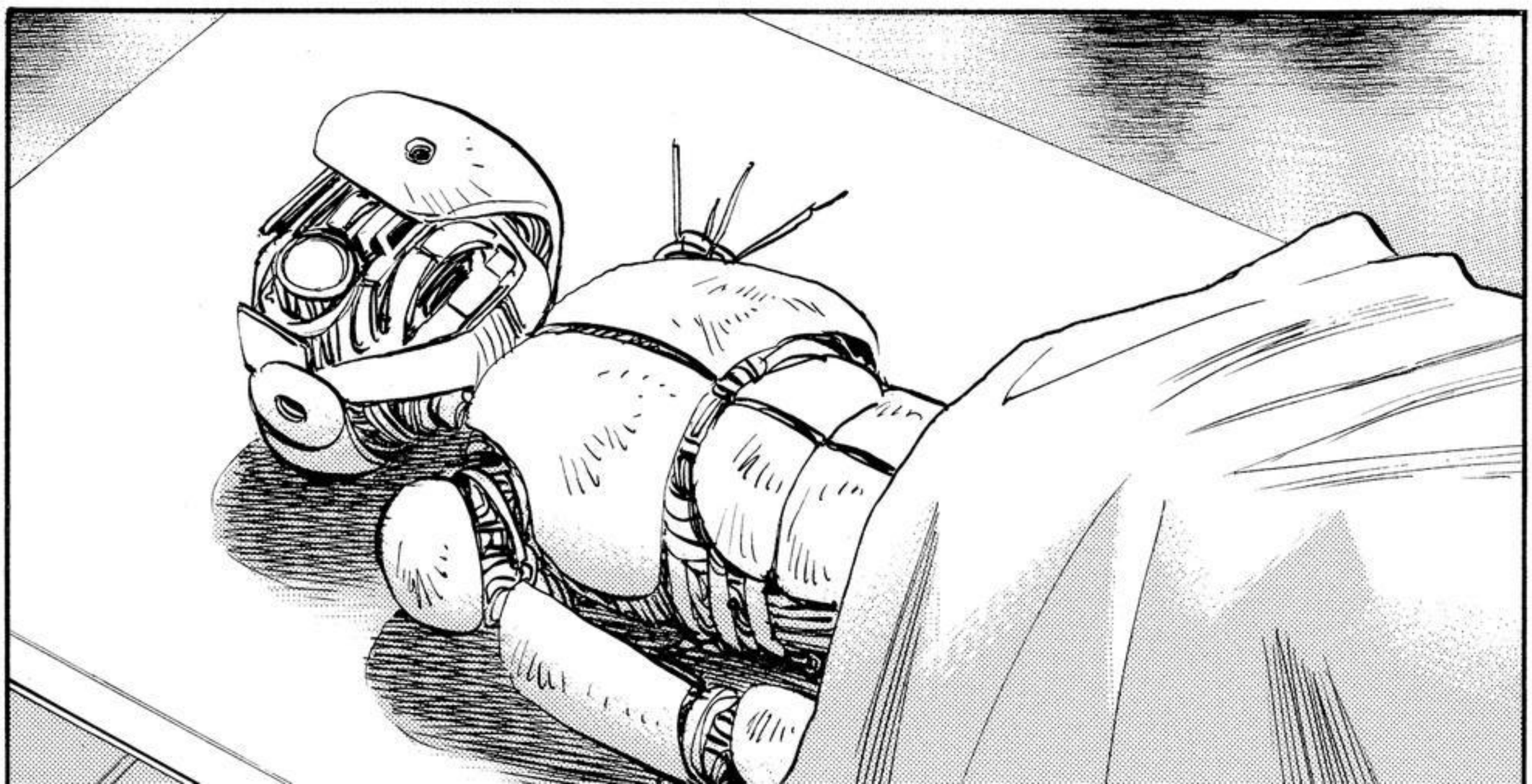

KLAK
KLAK

KLAK

NOOO!!!
KLAK
KLAK

YES, THAT'S OUR CHILD.





HUMANS CRY OUT AT TIMES LIKE THIS...

I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. REST ASSURED, WE WILL FIND THE PERPE-TRATOR...

NOOO!!

...

YES, ME TOO ...

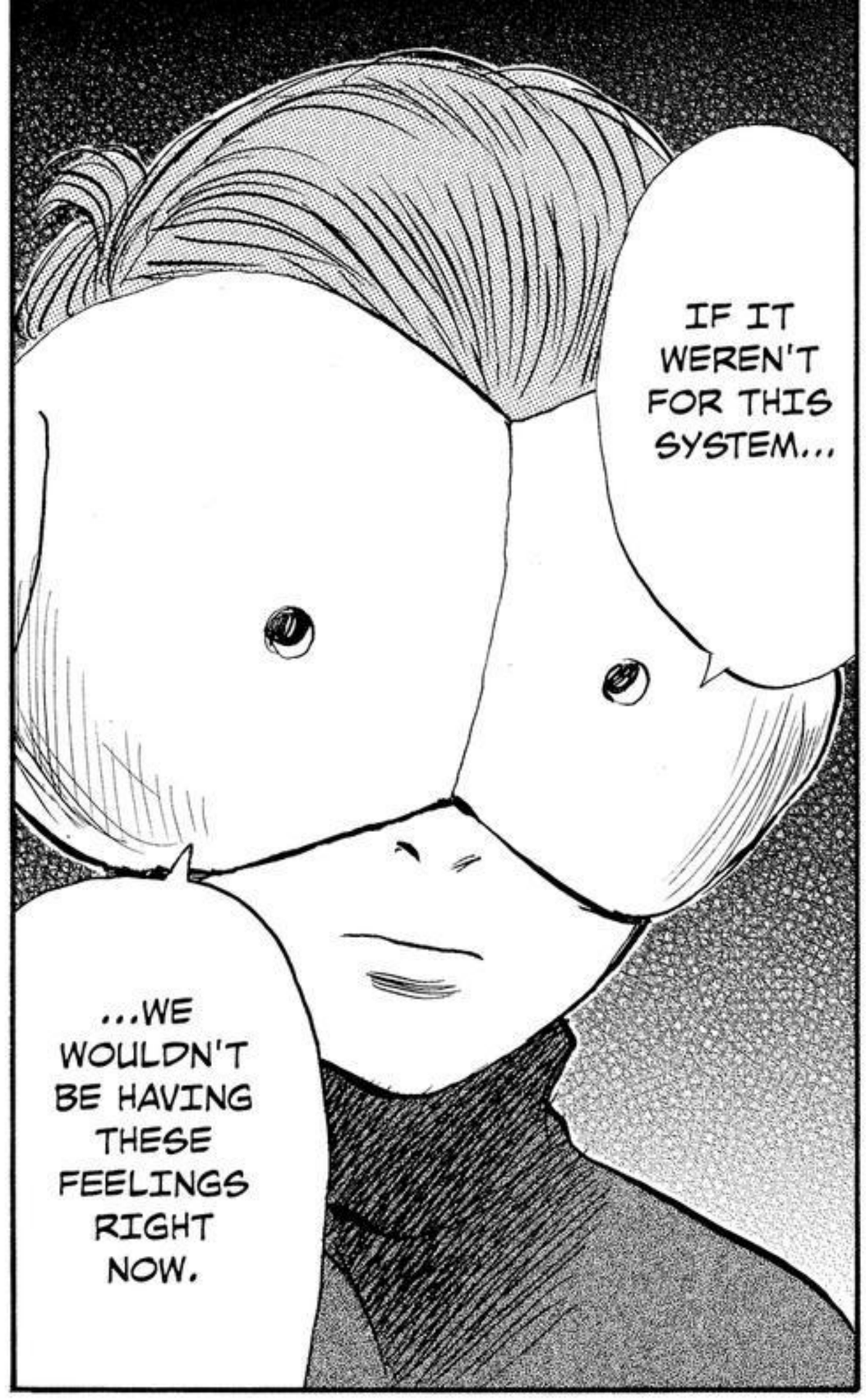
I CAN SOMEHOW UNDER-STAND WHY.

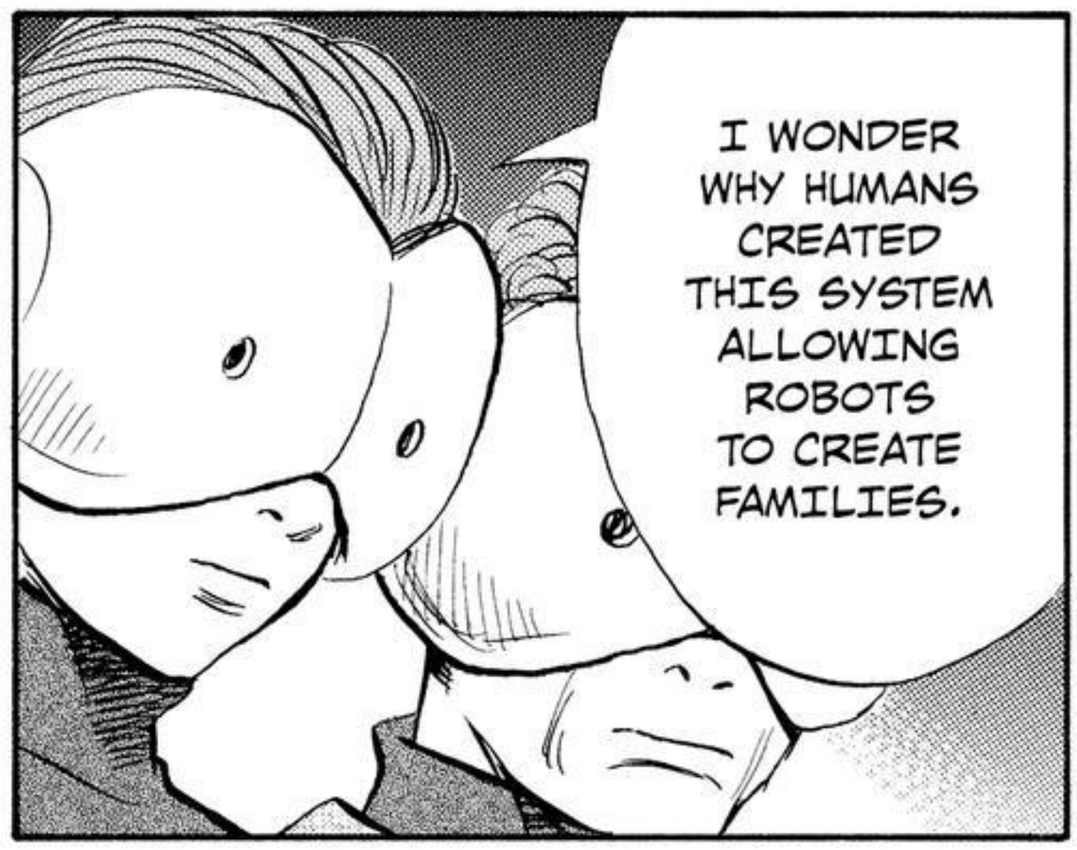
AND THERE WERE MANY OTHER COUPLES AHEAD OF US ON THE WAITING LIST...

THERE'S LIMITED PRODUCTION FOR MODELS OF OUR TYPE, YOU SEE.

WE WAITED FOUR YEARS FOR OUR CHILD.

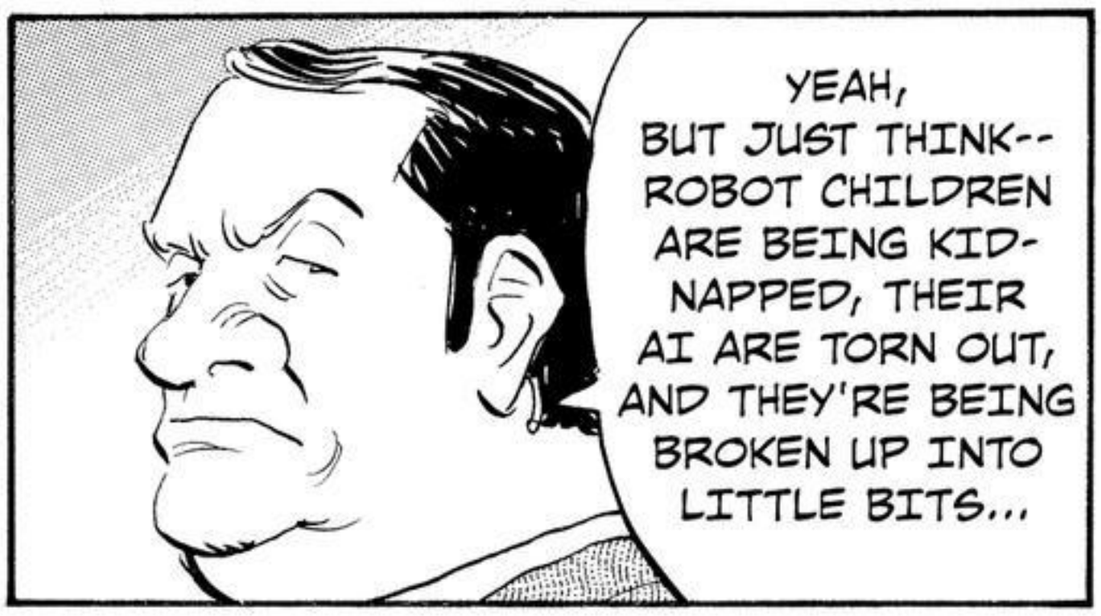
WE APPLIED AS SOON AS THEY CHANGED THE LAW ALLOWING ROBOTS TO ADOPT...


IF IT WEREN'T FOR THIS SYSTEM...
...WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING THESE FEELINGS RIGHT NOW.


I WONDER WHY HUMANS CREATED THIS SYSTEM ALLOWING ROBOTS TO CREATE FAMILIES.

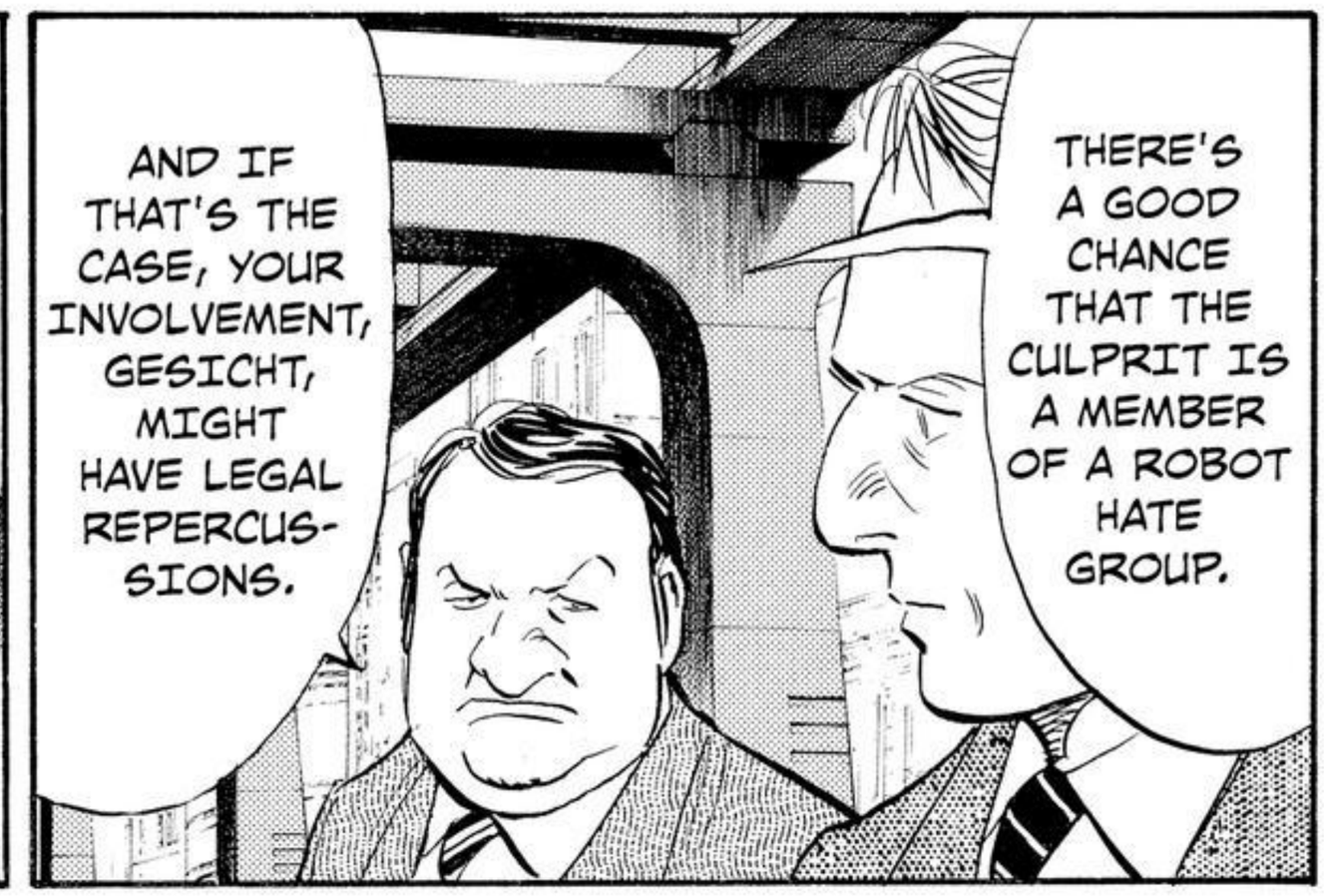
MY NAME IS GESICHT, AND I'VE BEEN ASKED TO JOIN THE INVESTIGATION STARTING TODAY.

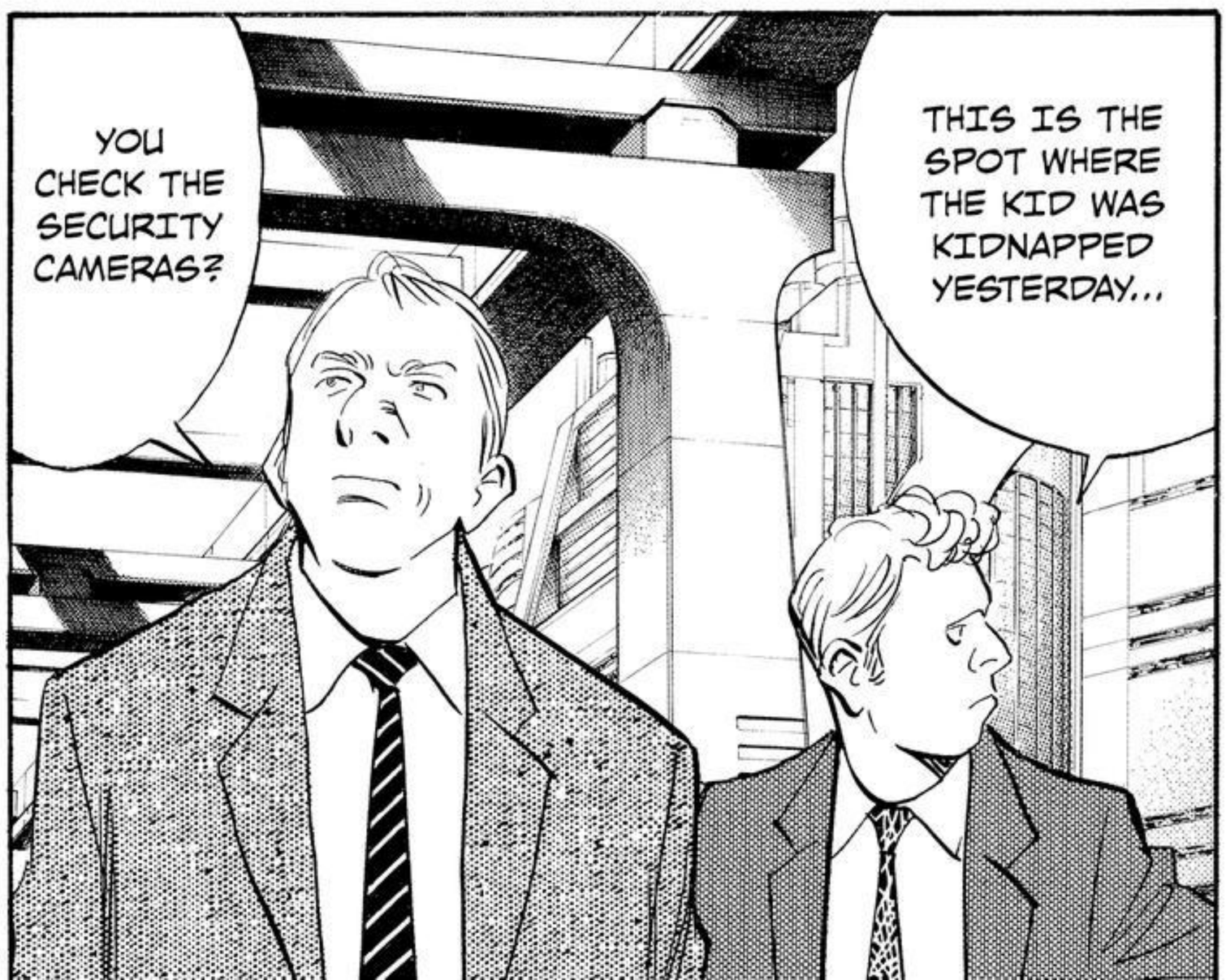
IT'S AN ORDER FROM UP TOP...


YEAH, BUT JUST THINK-- ROBOT CHILDREN ARE BEING KID-NAPPED, THEIR AI ARE TORN OUT, AND THEY'RE BEING BROKEN UP INTO LITTLE BITS...

YOU REALLY THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO BRING A ROBOT IN ON THE CASE?
GOOD TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD.

I'M ALSO LOOKING INTO OTHER POSSIBILI-TIES...


AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOUR INVOLVEMENT, GESICHT, MIGHT HAVE LEGAL REPERCUS-SIONS.
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE CULPRIT IS A MEMBER OF A ROBOT HATE GROUP.


YOU CHECK THE SECURITY CAMERAS?
THIS IS THE SPOT WHERE THE KID WAS KIDNAPPED YESTERDAY...

...

THIS IS THE 23RD KIDNAPPING SO FAR.

EVERY DAMN TIME, THE PERP DESTROYS THE SECURITY SYSTEM BEFORE KIDNAPPING THE KID.

YEAH, JUST LIKE BEFORE. THEY DESTROYED THAT B-COM EYE 3 AND NABBED THE KID.

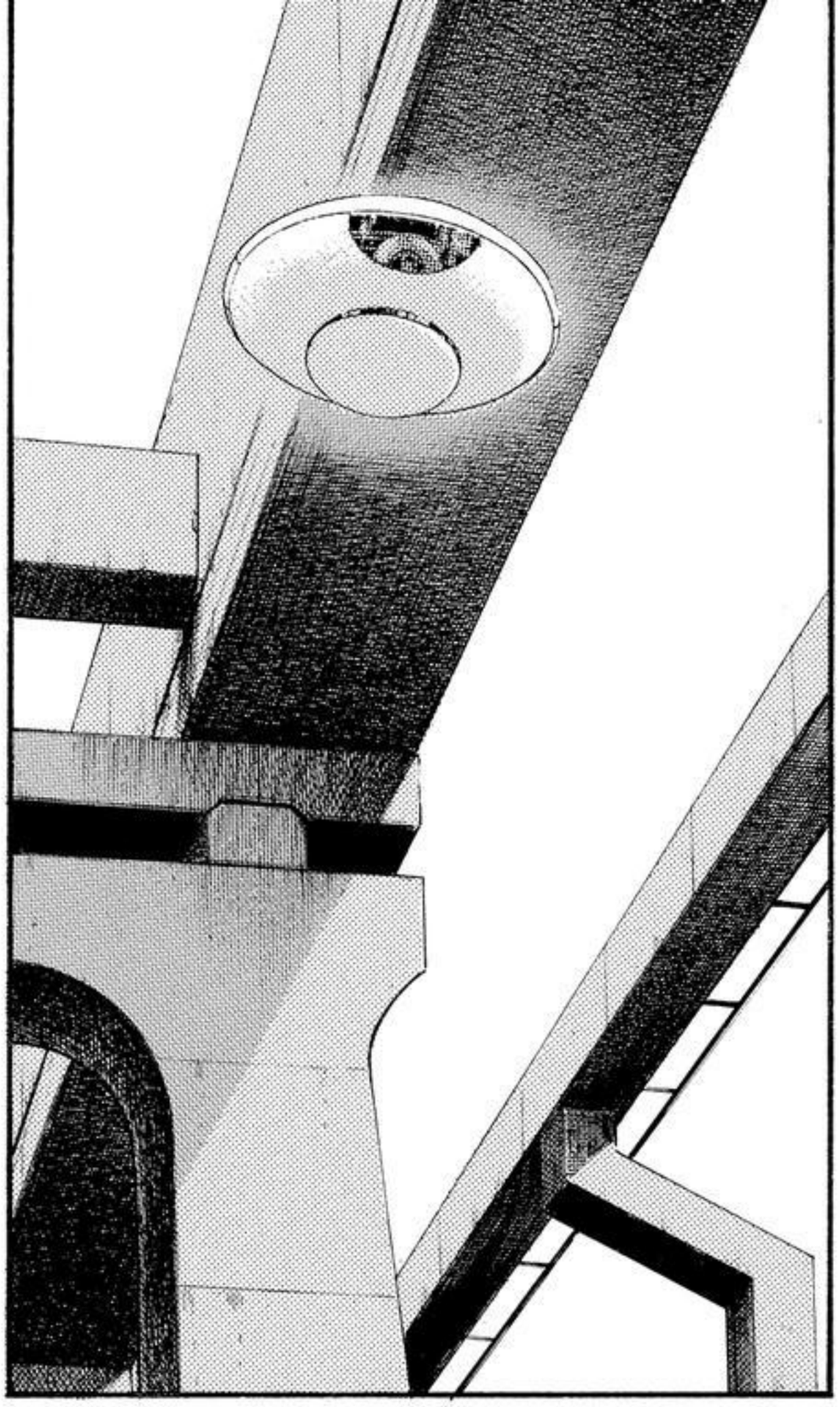
B-COM EYE 3 SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN OVER 304 LOCATIONS AROUND THE CITY.

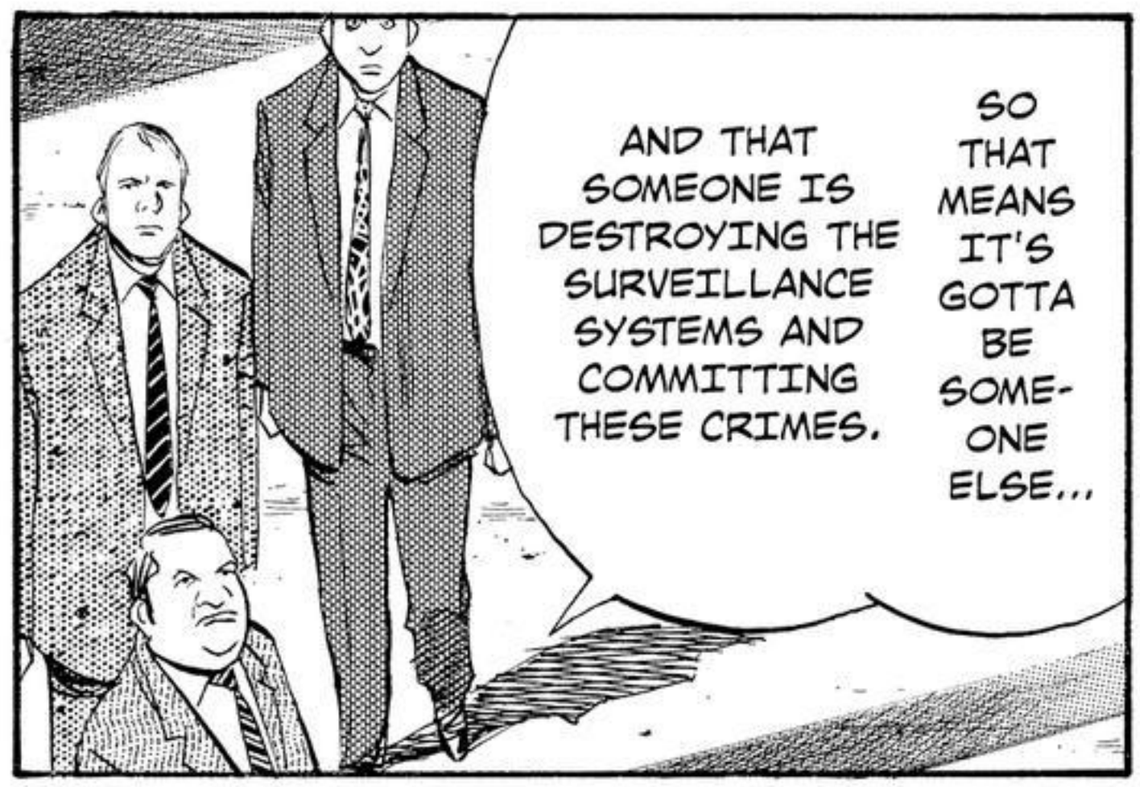
SO THERE'S NEVER ANY VIDEO EVIDENCE.

BUT EVERY DAMNED SUSPECT HAS AN ALIBI.

WE'VE EVEN GOT IMAGES OF HUMANS WITH A HISTORY OF MOLESTING ROBOT CHILDREN.

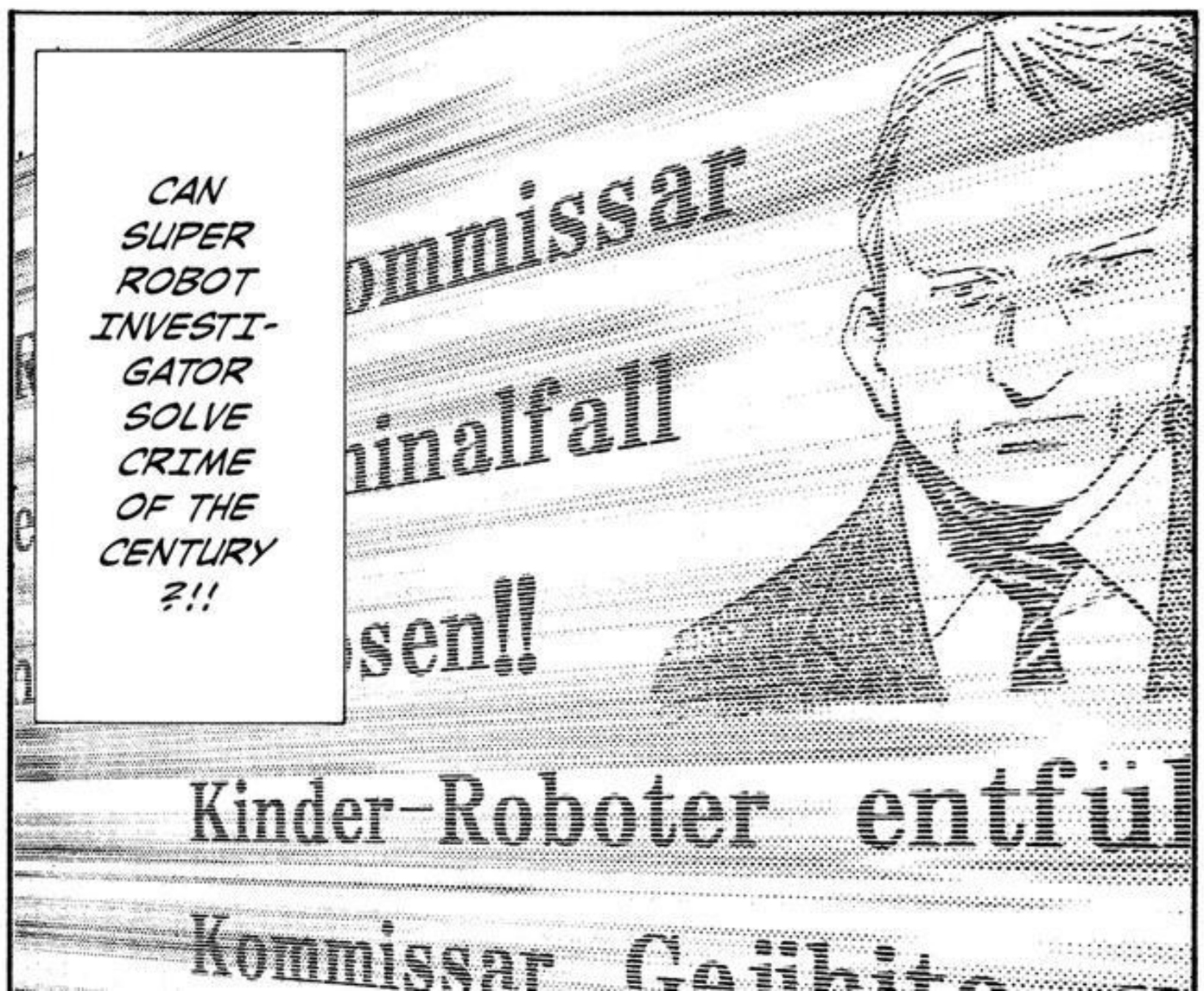
WE'VE GOT RECORDED IMAGES OF KNOWN LOCAL ANTI-ROBOT ACTIVISTS, RADICALS AND OTHERS ON OUR LIST...




AND THAT SOMEONE IS DESTROYING THE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS AND COMMITTING THESE CRIMES.
SO THAT MEANS IT'S GOTTA BE SOME-ONE ELSE...

INSPECTOR GESICHT TO JOIN SERIAL CHILD ROBOT ABDUCTION AND DESTRUCTION INVESTIGATION!!
Kinder-Robot
und zerstörts
Kommissar G
mit in Ermitt

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?


CAN SUPER ROBOT INVESTI-GATOR SOLVE CRIME OF THE CENTURY ?!!
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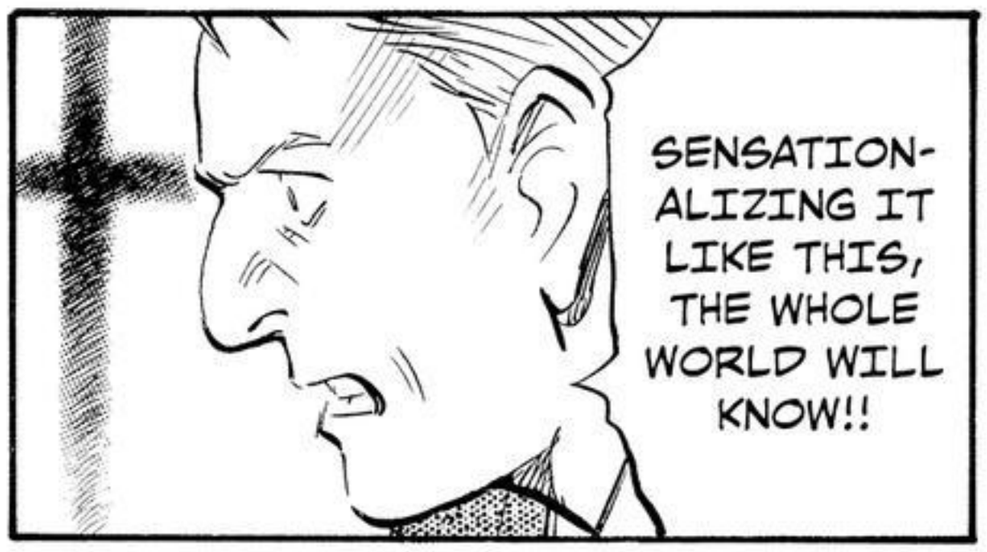
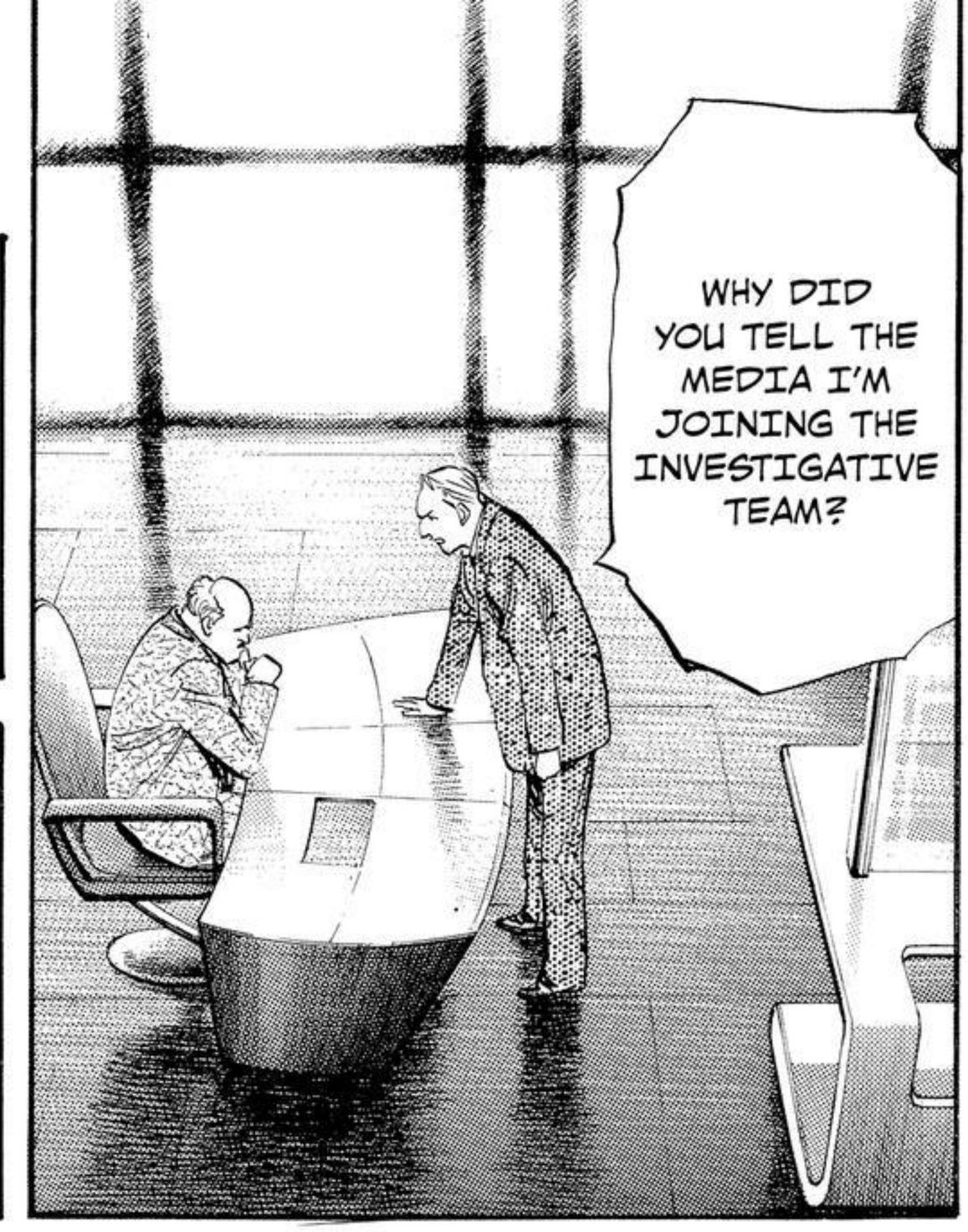
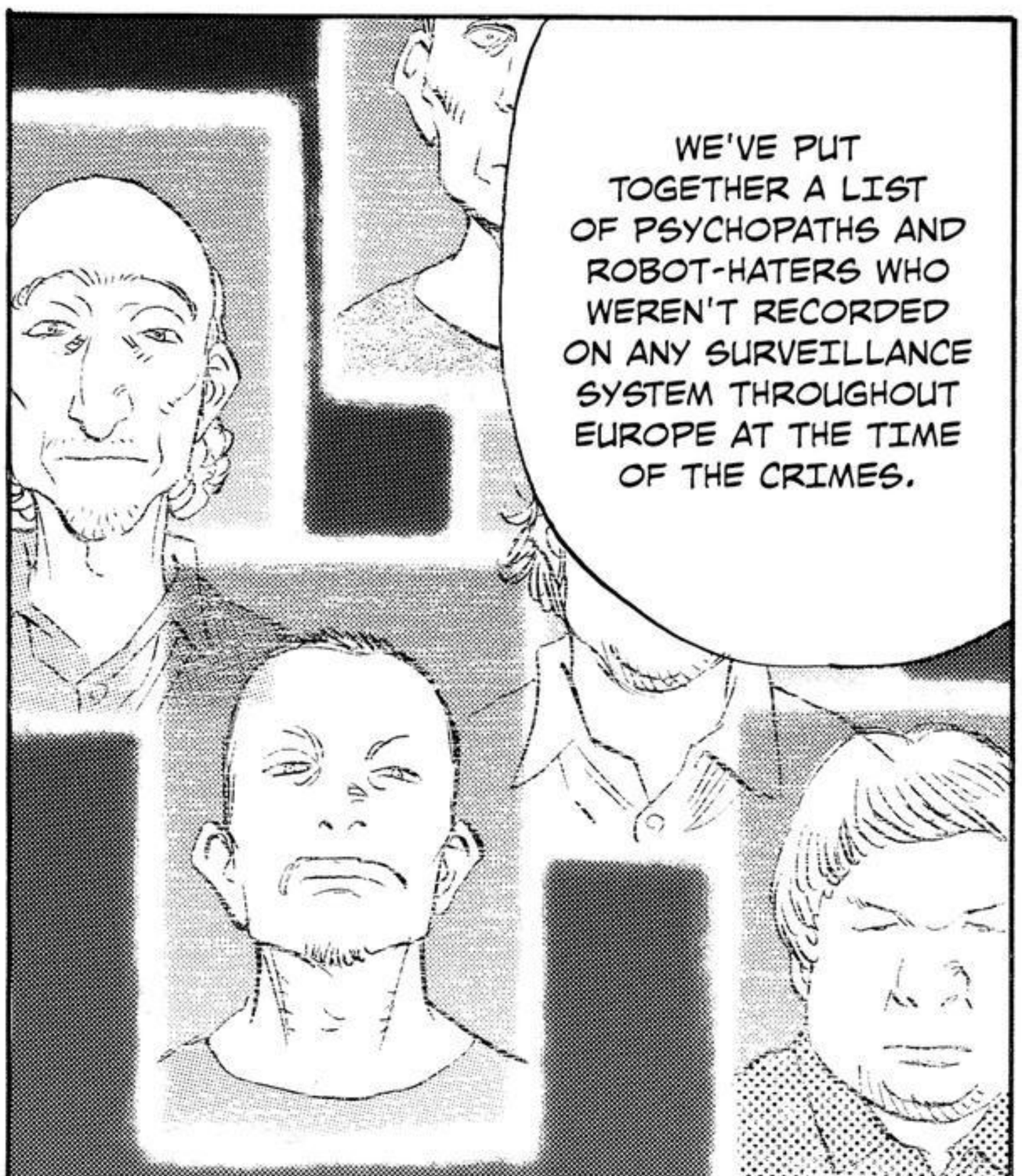
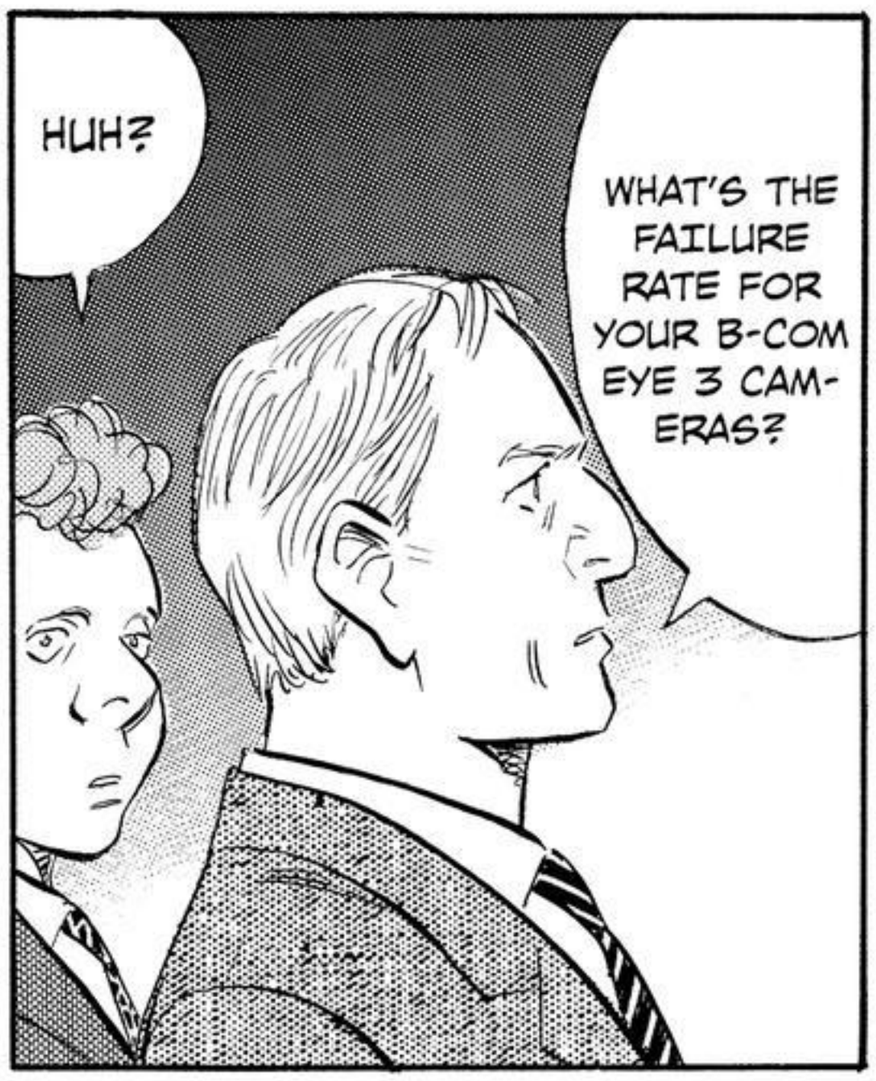

SENSATION-ALIZING IT LIKE THIS, THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW!!

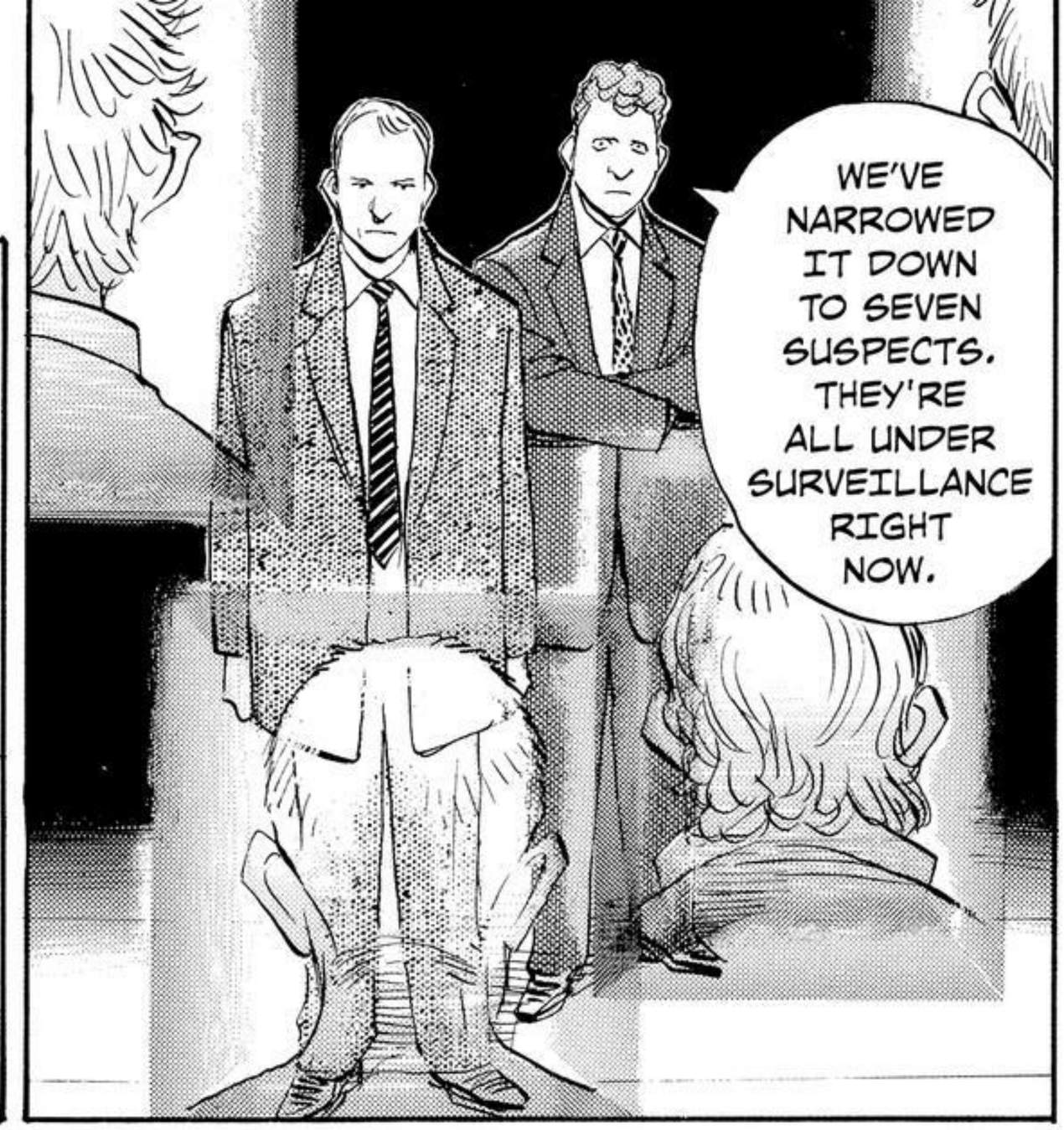
A TACTICAL MANEUVER, GESICHT.

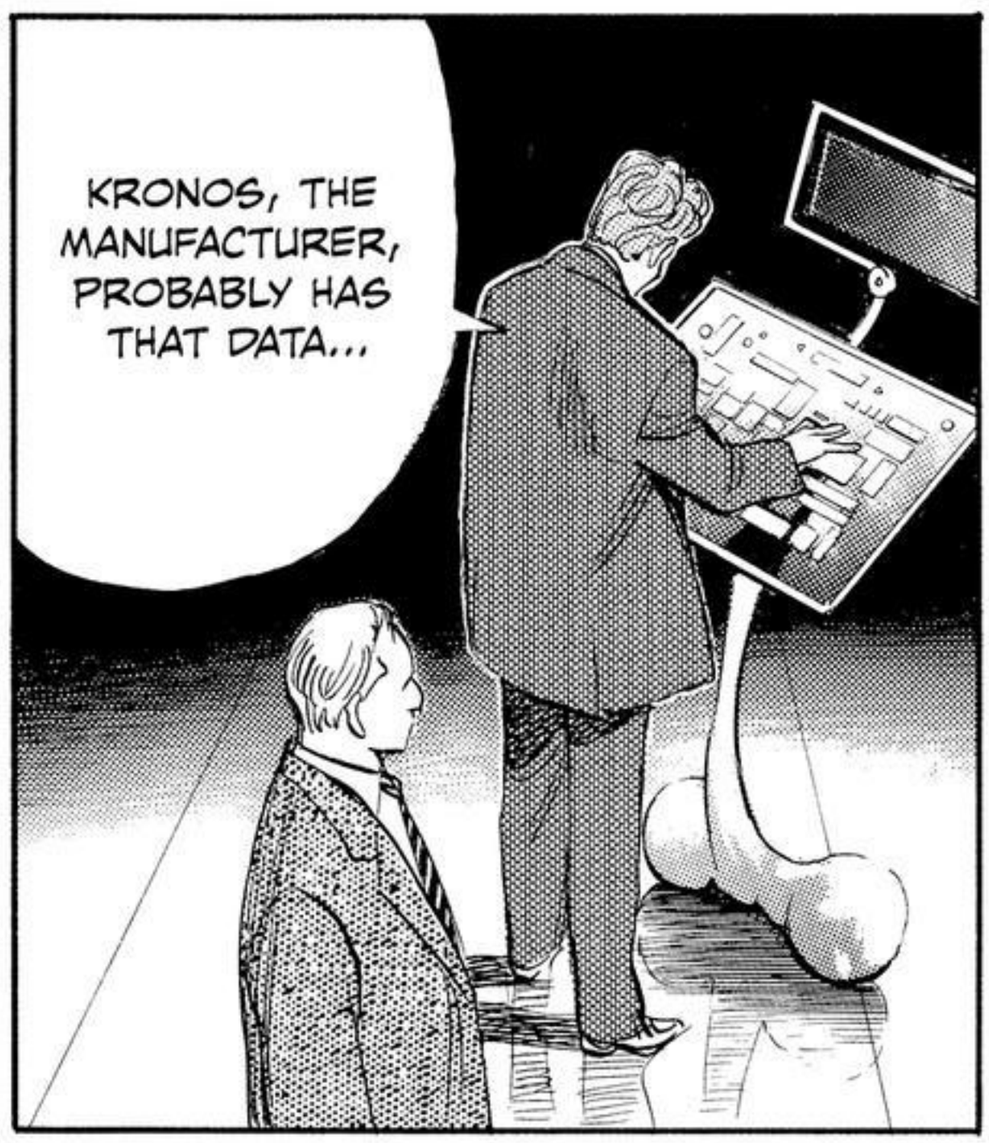

WHY DID YOU TELL THE MEDIA I'M JOINING THE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM?

AND MAKING IT KNOWN THAT YOU'RE INVOLVED MIGHT EVEN PREVENT THE NEXT CRIME FROM HAPPENING.
WE'VE GOT TO SHOW THE PUBLIC HOW COMMITTED WE ARE TO THIS CASE...


WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF PSYCHOPATHS AND ROBOT-HATERS WHO WEREN'T RECORDED ON ANY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THROUGHOUT EUROPE AT THE TIME OF THE CRIMES.


HUH?
WHAT'S THE FAILURE RATE FOR YOUR B-COM EYE 3 CAMERAS?


WE'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO SEVEN SUSPECTS. THEY'RE ALL UNDER SURVEILLANCE RIGHT NOW.


KRONOS, THE MANUFACTURER, PROBABLY HAS THAT DATA...

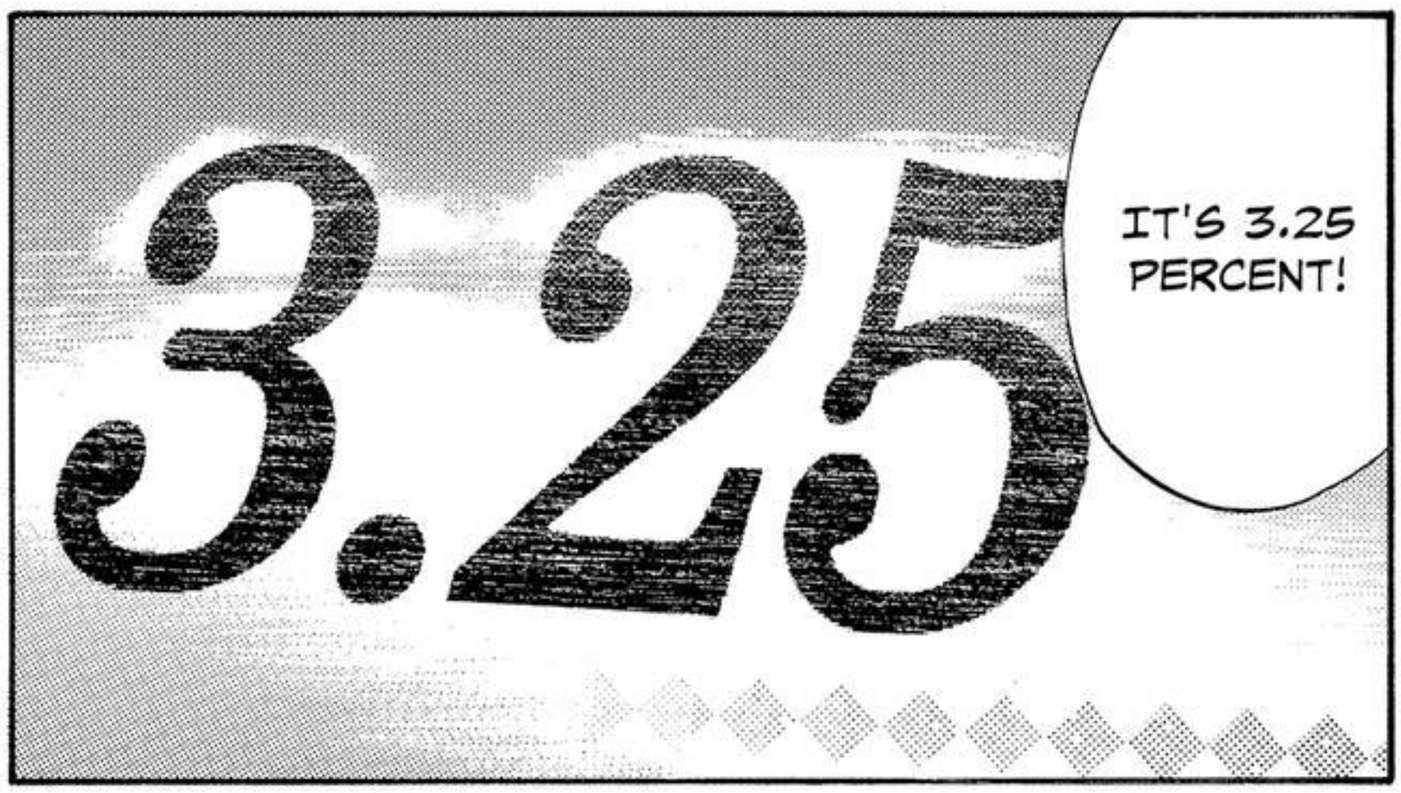
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A TOP OF THE LINE SYSTEM, BUT IT'S BEEN PRONE TO FAILURE FROM THE START.

FIND OUT THE FAILURE RATES BEFORE AND AFTER THIS INCIDENT.
DO ME A FAVOR.

AND AFTER THE KIDNAPPINGS...

TAP
LET'S SEE, FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS...

3.26
THE FAILURE RATE'S BEEN 3.26 PERCENT.


3.25
IT'S 3.25 PERCENT!

THAT'S ODD...

...THERE'S HARDLY ANY CHANGE AT ALL...
GIVEN THAT THE PERPETRATOR ALWAYS DESTROYS THE SYSTEMS BEFORE COMMITTING THE CRIME...

WEE OOH
WEE OOH
VICTIM IS A ROBOT CHILD!!
POLIZEI
POLIZEI
WE HAVE A REPORT OF A KIDNAPPING... IN WARD W-25!!

YES, SIR!!
GESICHT!! GET OVER TO W-25, NOW!!

GESICHT, I'M GONNA GO AROUND FROM S-80 TO HEAD OFF THE PERP'S CAR...

WHAT?!

HELENA? LISTEN, I'M SORRY, BUT AN EMERGENCY'S--

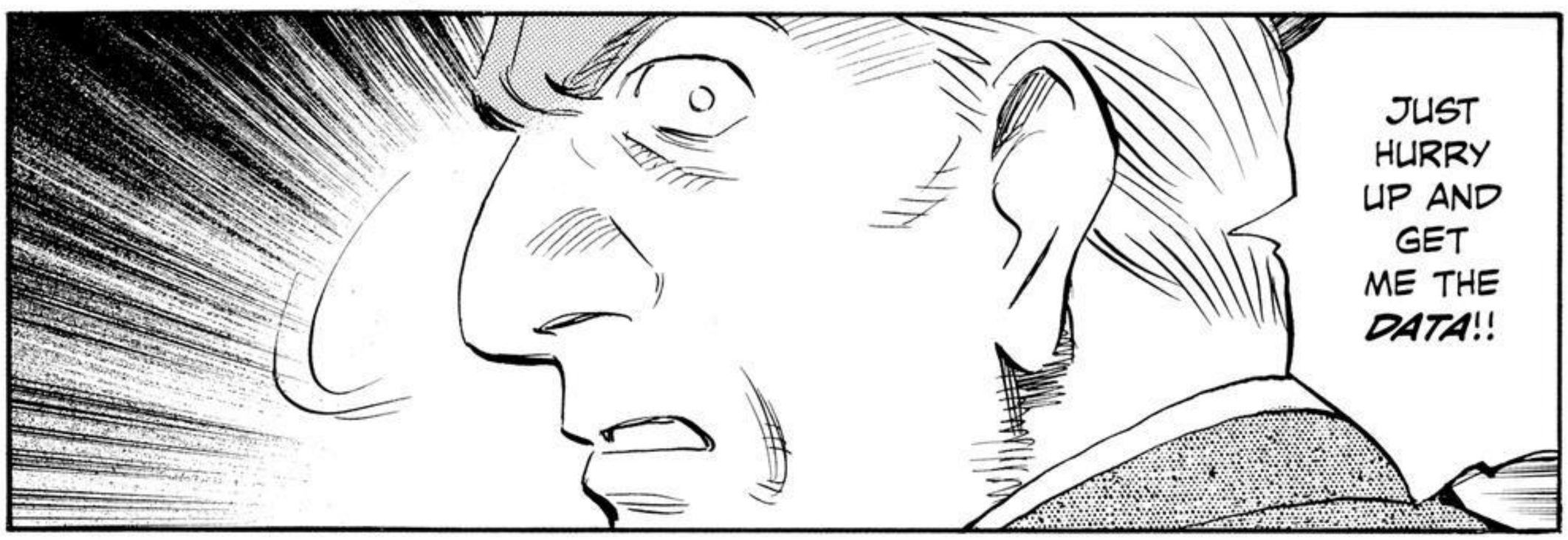
WHAT IS IT?

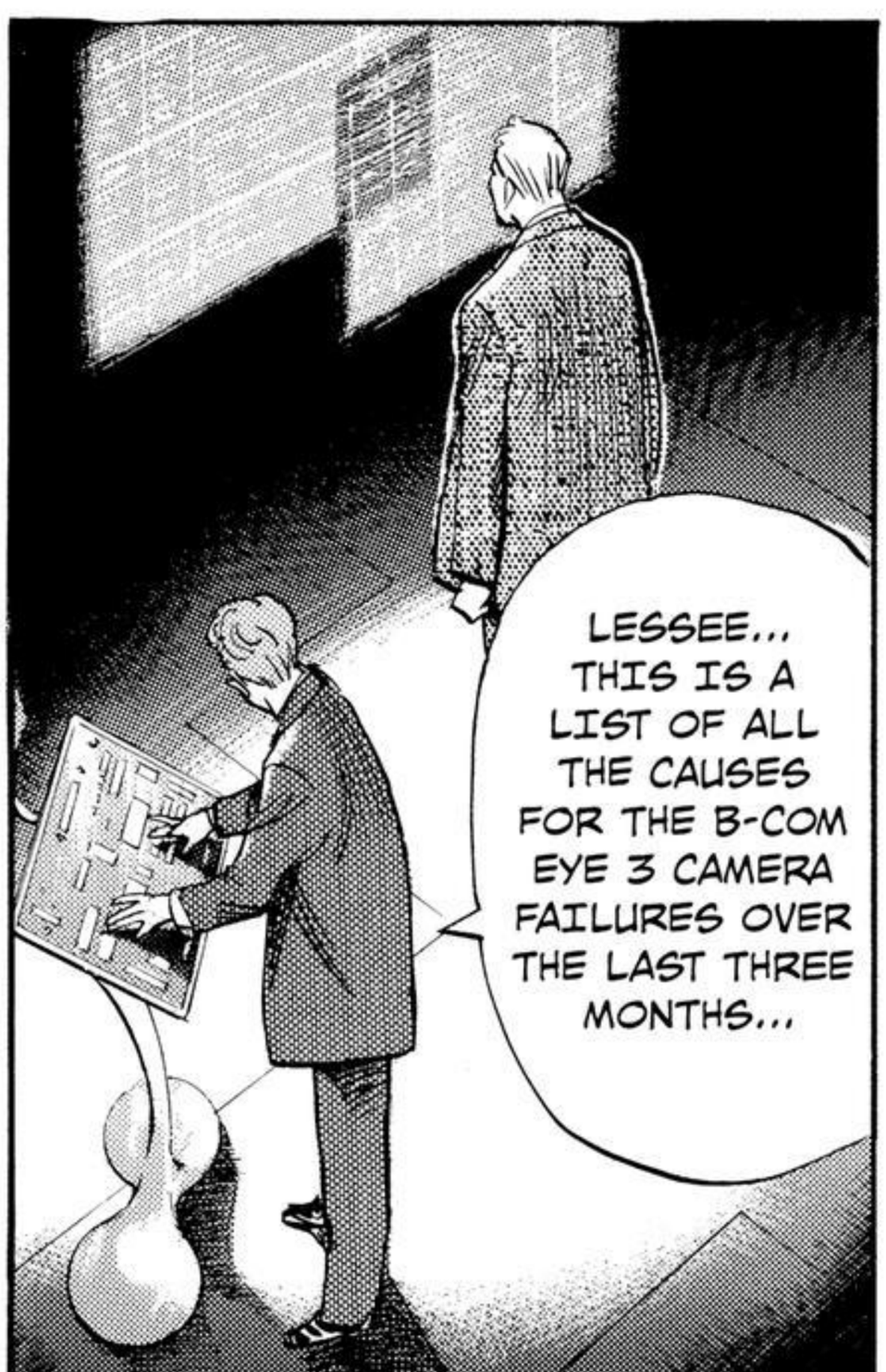
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK

...I CAN'T ACCESS THE CASE DATA!
KLAK
SINCE ROBOT-HATERS MIGHT BE INVOLVED...

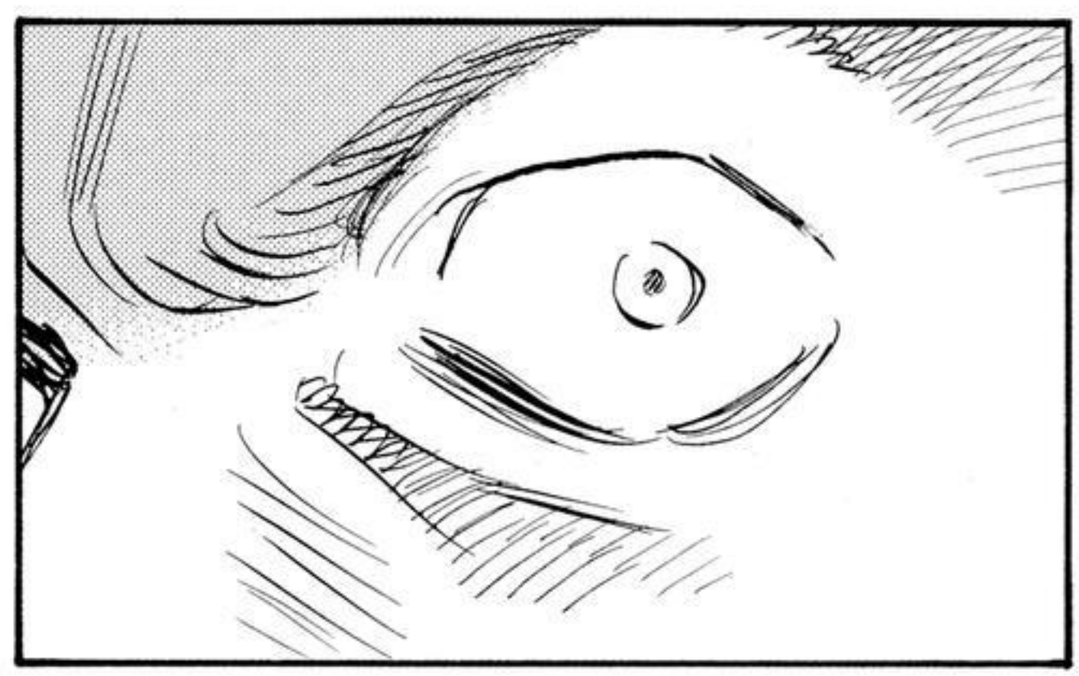
S... SURE. WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?
KLAK
KLAK
SO I NEED *YOUR* HELP!

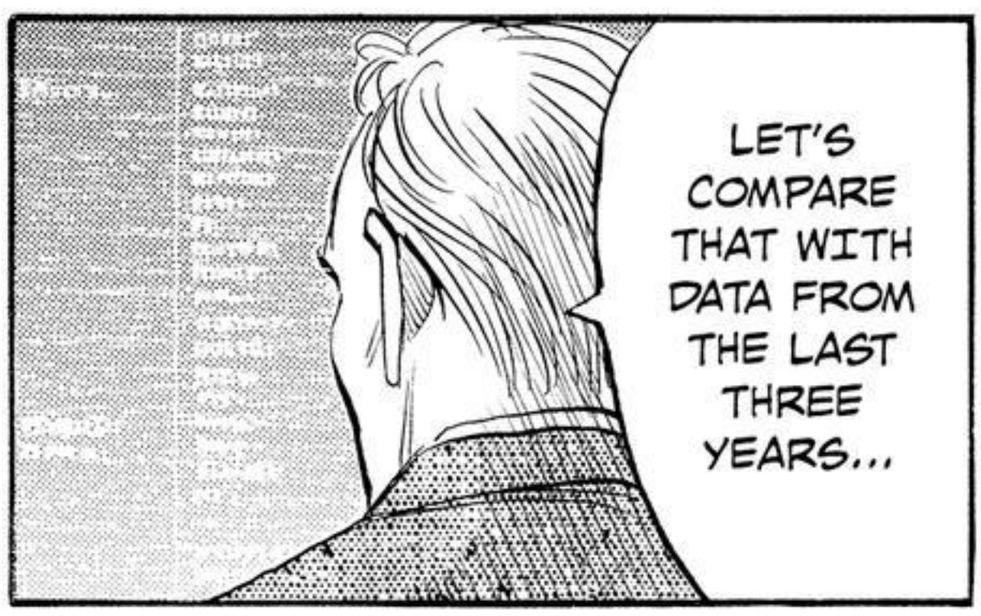
WHAT'S WRONG?
WAIT, GESICHT!
KLAK
KLAK


JUST HURRY UP AND GET ME THE *DATA*!!

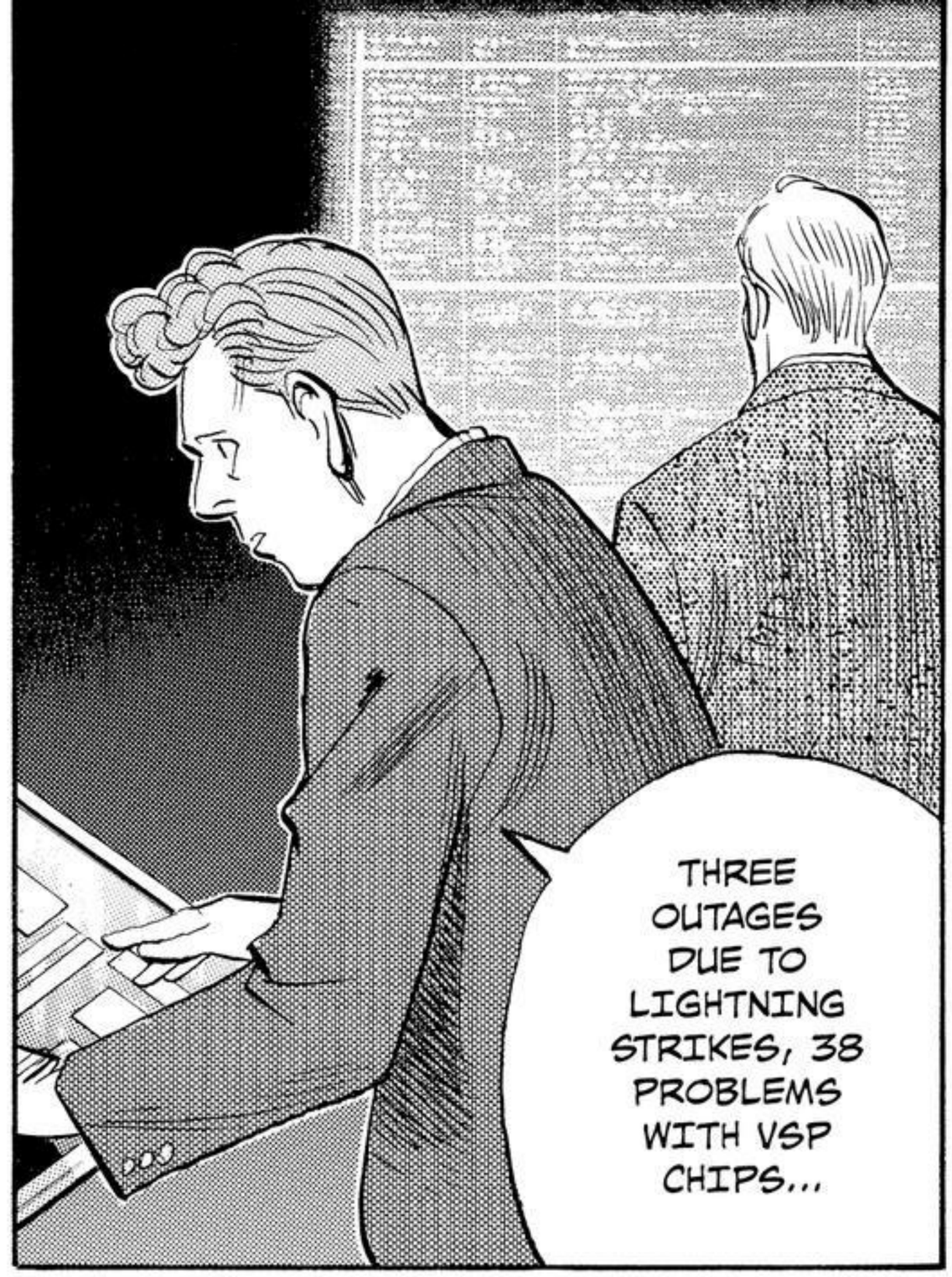

LESSEE... THIS IS A LIST OF ALL THE CAUSES FOR THE B-COM EYE 3 CAMERA FAILURES OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS...

WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?
GESICHT ...

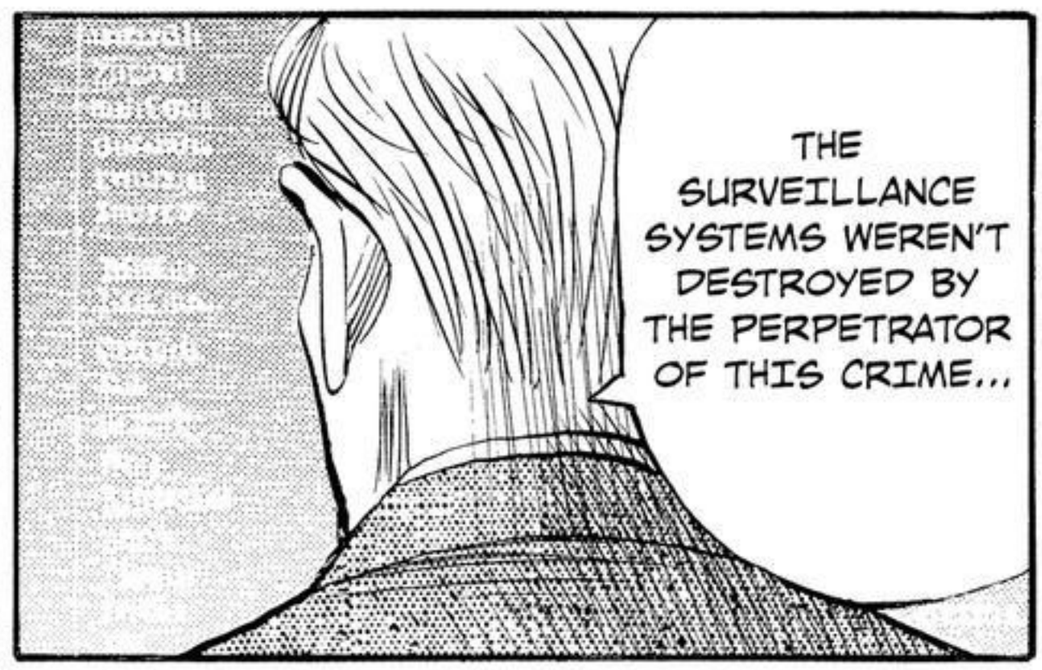


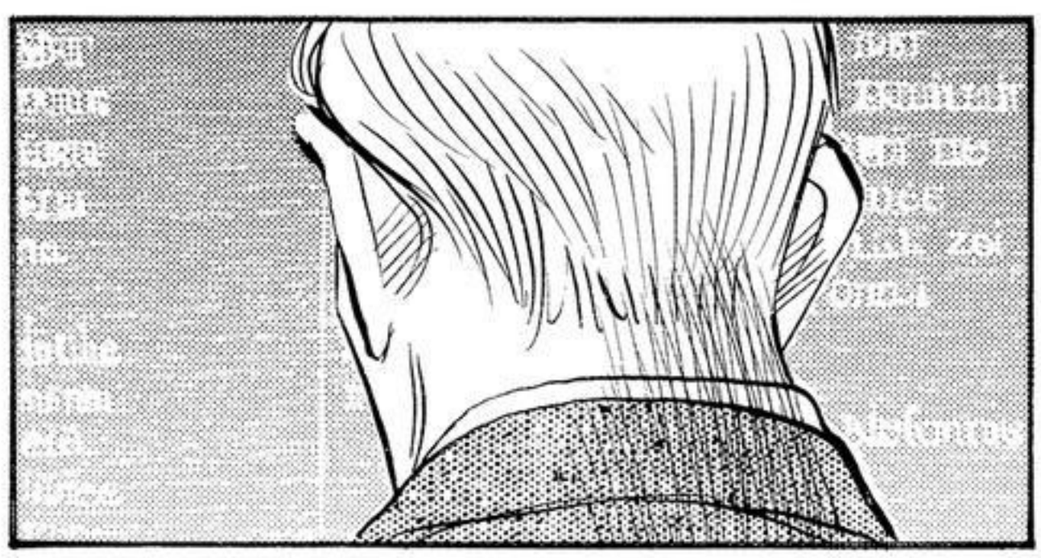

LET'S COMPARE THAT WITH DATA FROM THE LAST THREE YEARS...

UH... ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME...

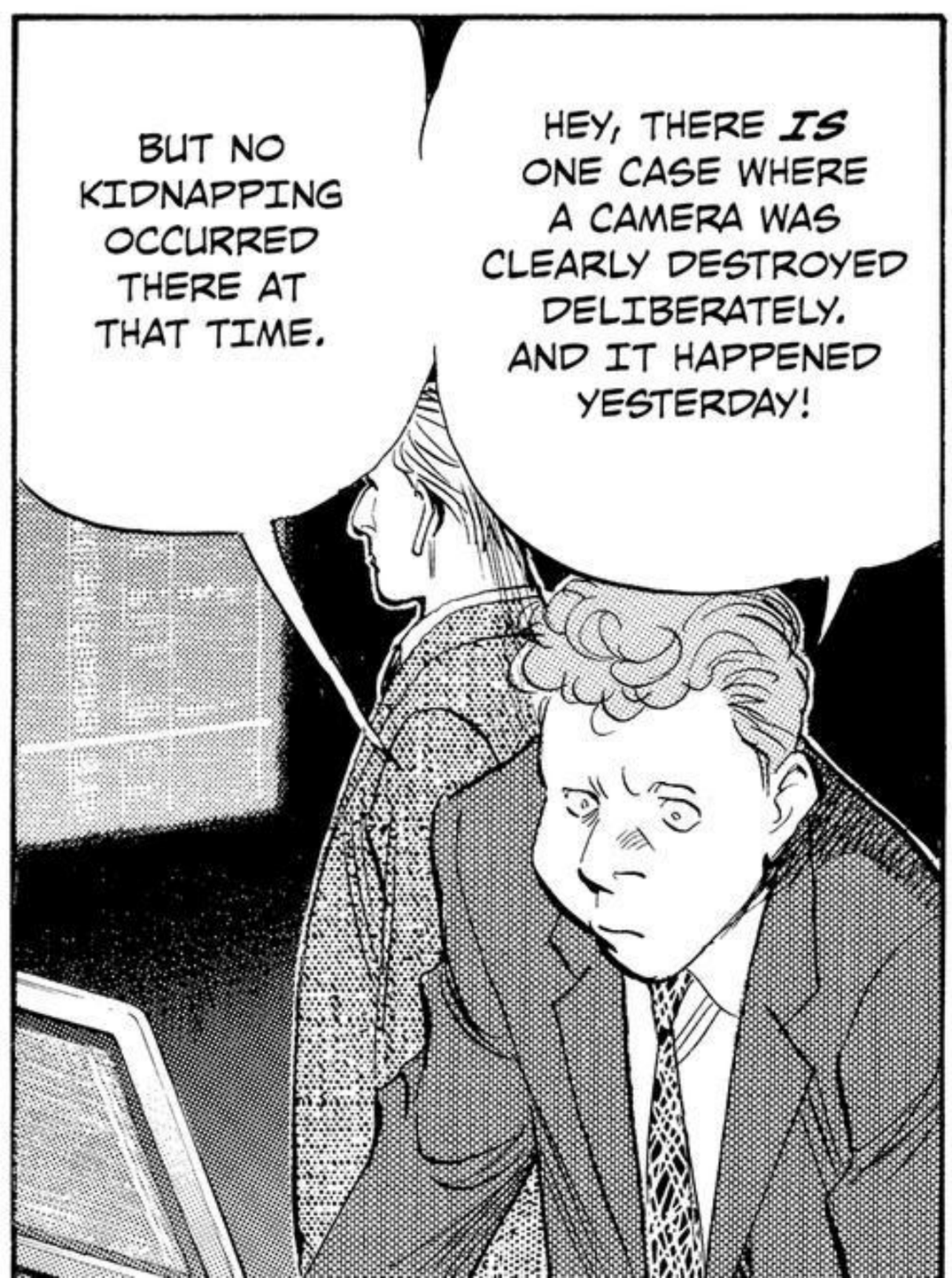

THREE OUTAGES DUE TO LIGHTNING STRIKES, 38 PROBLEMS WITH VSP CHIPS...

BUT SOMEONE COULD FIRE AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE WITH THE SAME FORCE AS LIGHTNING ...
HUH?


THE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS WEREN'T DESTROYED BY THE PERPETRATOR OF THIS CRIME...

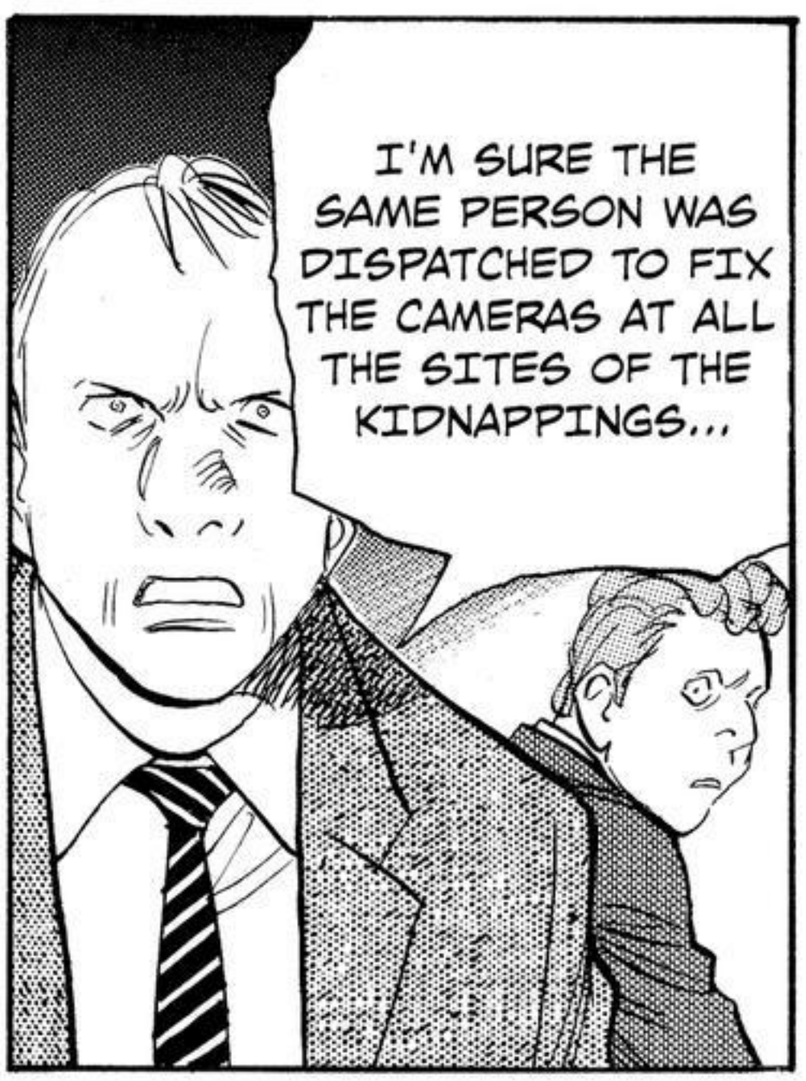


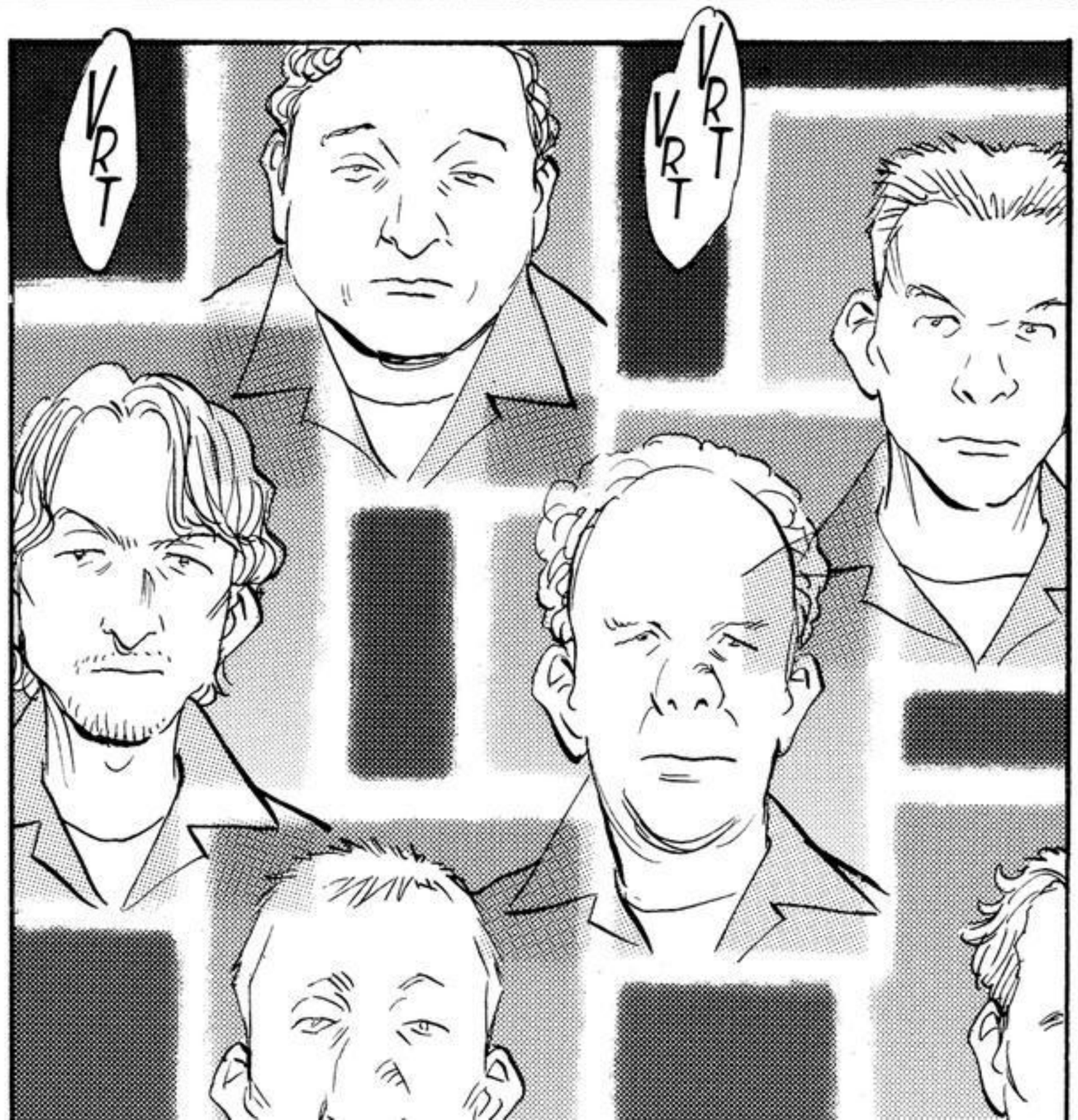
WHAT?
I NEED A LIST OF THE COMPANIES THAT MAINTAIN THE CAMERAS FOR KRONOS...


BUT NO KIDNAPPING OCCURRED THERE AT THAT TIME.
HEY, THERE IS ONE CASE WHERE A CAMERA WAS CLEARLY DESTROYED DELIBERATELY. AND IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY!

WE SHOULDN'T BE LOOKING AT THE *FAILURES*!!

WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THE REPAIRS!!





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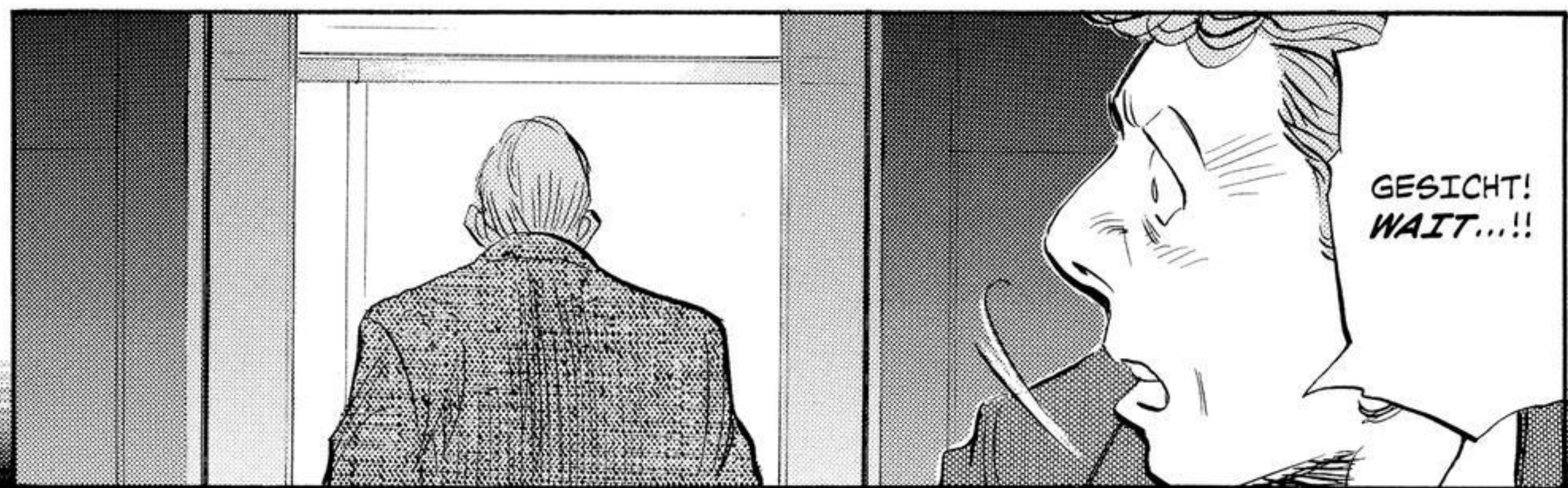

GESICHT! WAIT...!!

GESICHT!!

GESICHT, DO YOU COPY?!

GESICHT ISN'T RESPONDING!!

GESICHT!!

KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK

GESICHT...!!

GESICHT!!

IT'S NO USE! THE CHANNEL'S DEAD.

GESICHT!!

KLAK

KLAK

KLAK

GESICHT!!

THIS IS INSUBORDINATION, GESICHT!!

GESICHT! DO YOU COPY?!

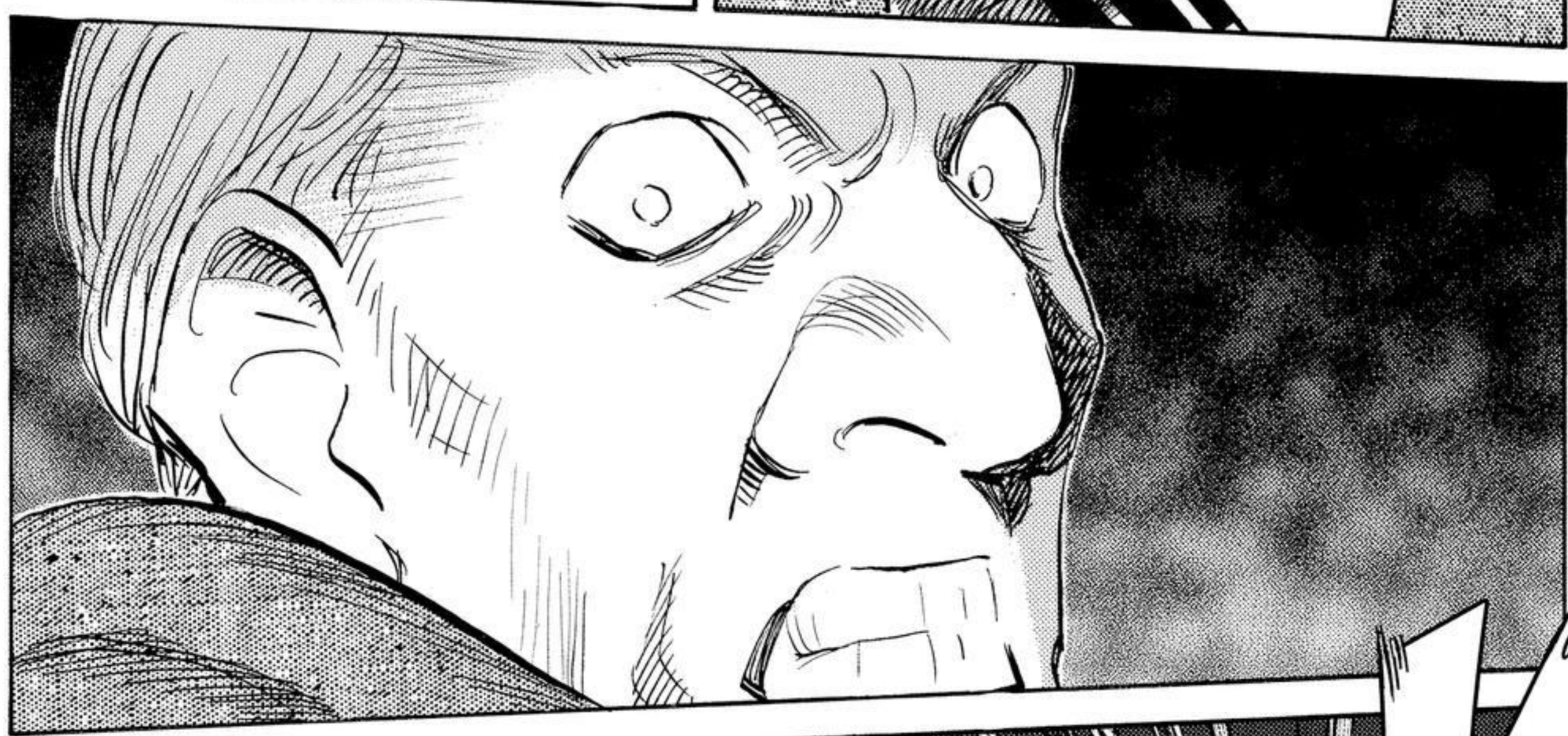
NO!!

KLAK

DON'T DO IT!!

KLAK

DON'T
SHOOT
...!!

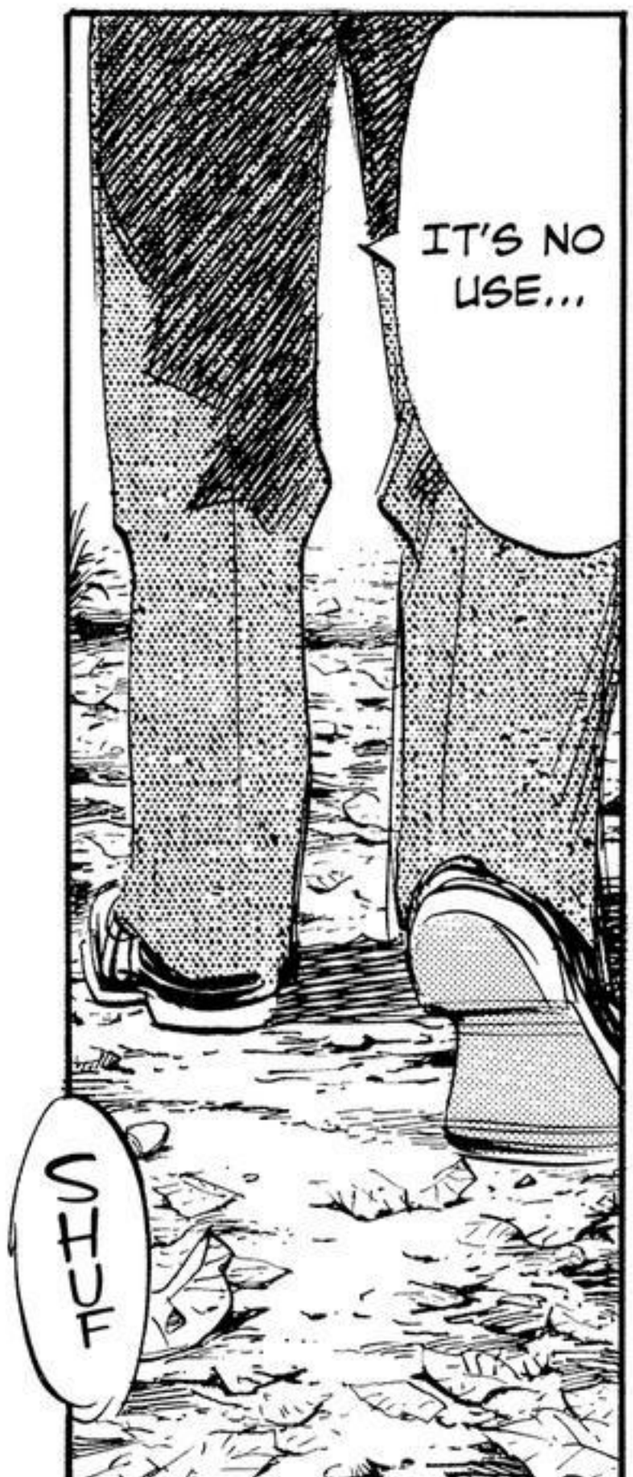


WHOOM

GESICHT
...

GESICHT!
DO YOU
COPY?!

GESICHT!!


IT'S NO
USE...
SHUF

NO USE RUNNING AWAY...

SHUF

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I DON'T SEE ANY WEAPON.

WHERE IS IT?

RUSTLE

YOU'LL FIND YOUR WEAPON THERE...

NAME'S MEYER. I'M FROM EUROPOL...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?

!!

MR. HAAS ...

YOU STOPPED AT A REST AREA NEAR WILSEDE JUST BEFORE YOU ARRIVED HERE, DIDN'T YOU?

NO, THAT'S NOT IT...

YOU WANT ME BACK IN THE SAFE HOUSE, RIGHT? OKAY, I'M GOING.

...

NO, NOT EXACTLY...

I SUPPOSE YOU WANNA KNOW ABOUT THE SMASHED CLEANING-BOT?

...!!

A SURVEILLANCE CAMERA AT THE REST STOP RECORDED A SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING MAN...

WHEN WE ANALYZED THE IMAGES, IT APPEARS TO BE SOMEONE FROM THE ANTI-ROBOT GROUP THAT'S AFTER YOU, MR. HAAS.

SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE YOU SOMEWHERE ELSE...

THEY'VE APPARENTLY FIGURED OUT WHERE YOU ARE, MR. HAAS...

HOW DARE YOU LEAVE YOUR POST WITHOUT PERMISSION, GESICHT!!

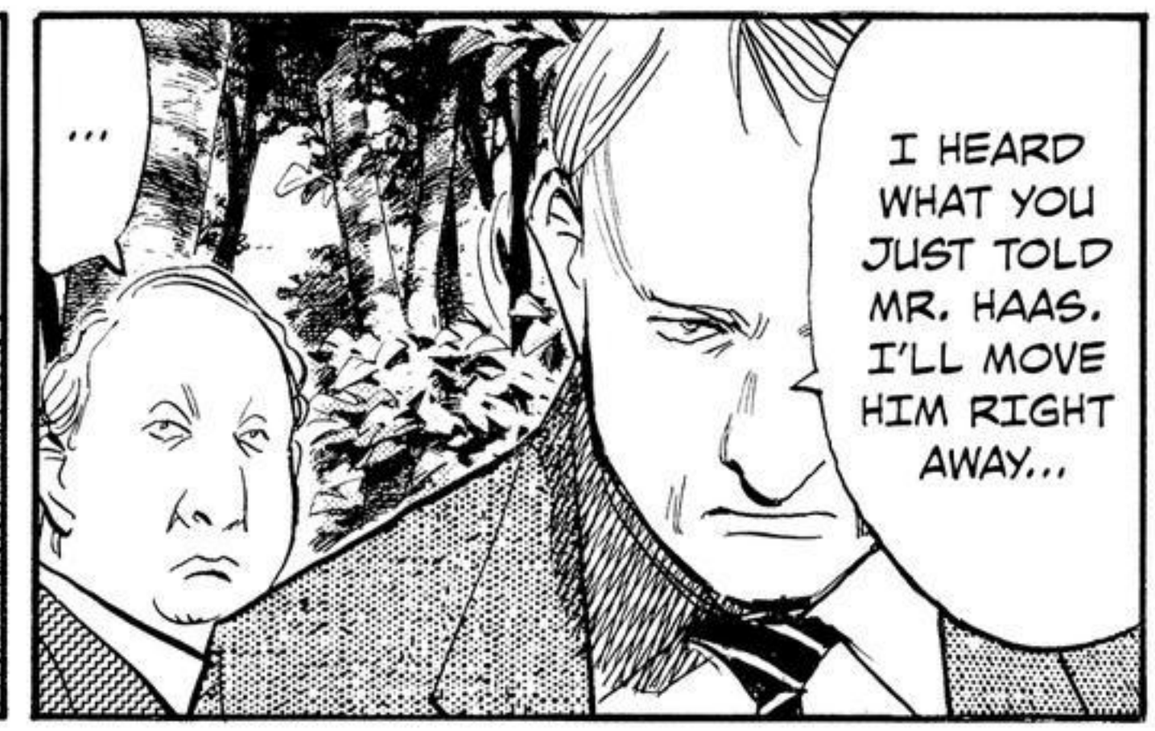
WHAT?!

INSPECTOR MEYER! GESICHT IS BACK!!

I SEE...

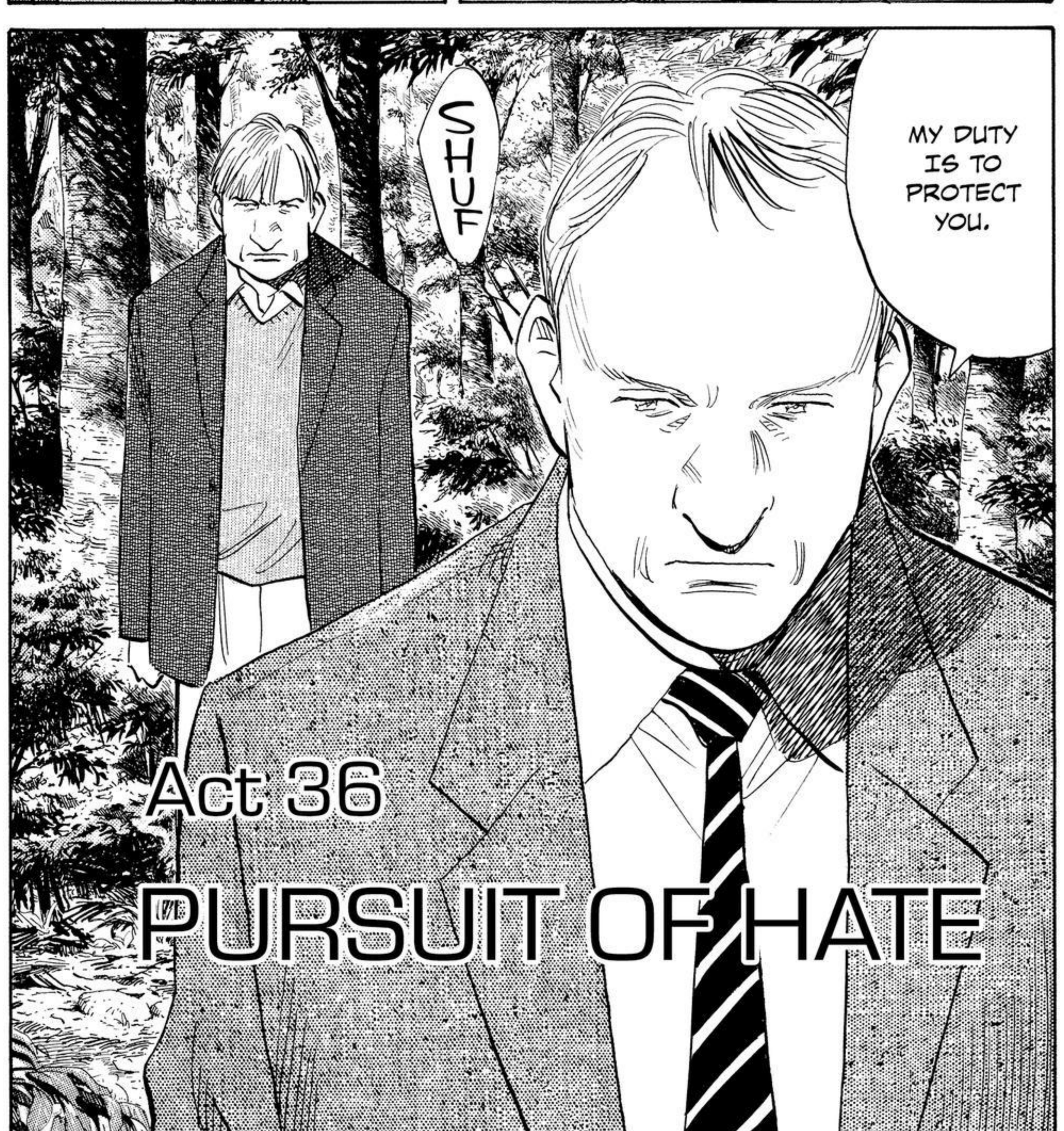
BUT FOR NOW...
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO REPORT THIS!!

SORRY, SIR...
FOR A ROBOT TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS, GESICHT, IS *UNTHINKABLE*!!


...
I HEARD WHAT YOU JUST TOLD MR. HAAS. I'LL MOVE HIM RIGHT AWAY...

HMPH. DERELIC-TION OF DUTY, EH?

LET'S GO, MR. HAAS...



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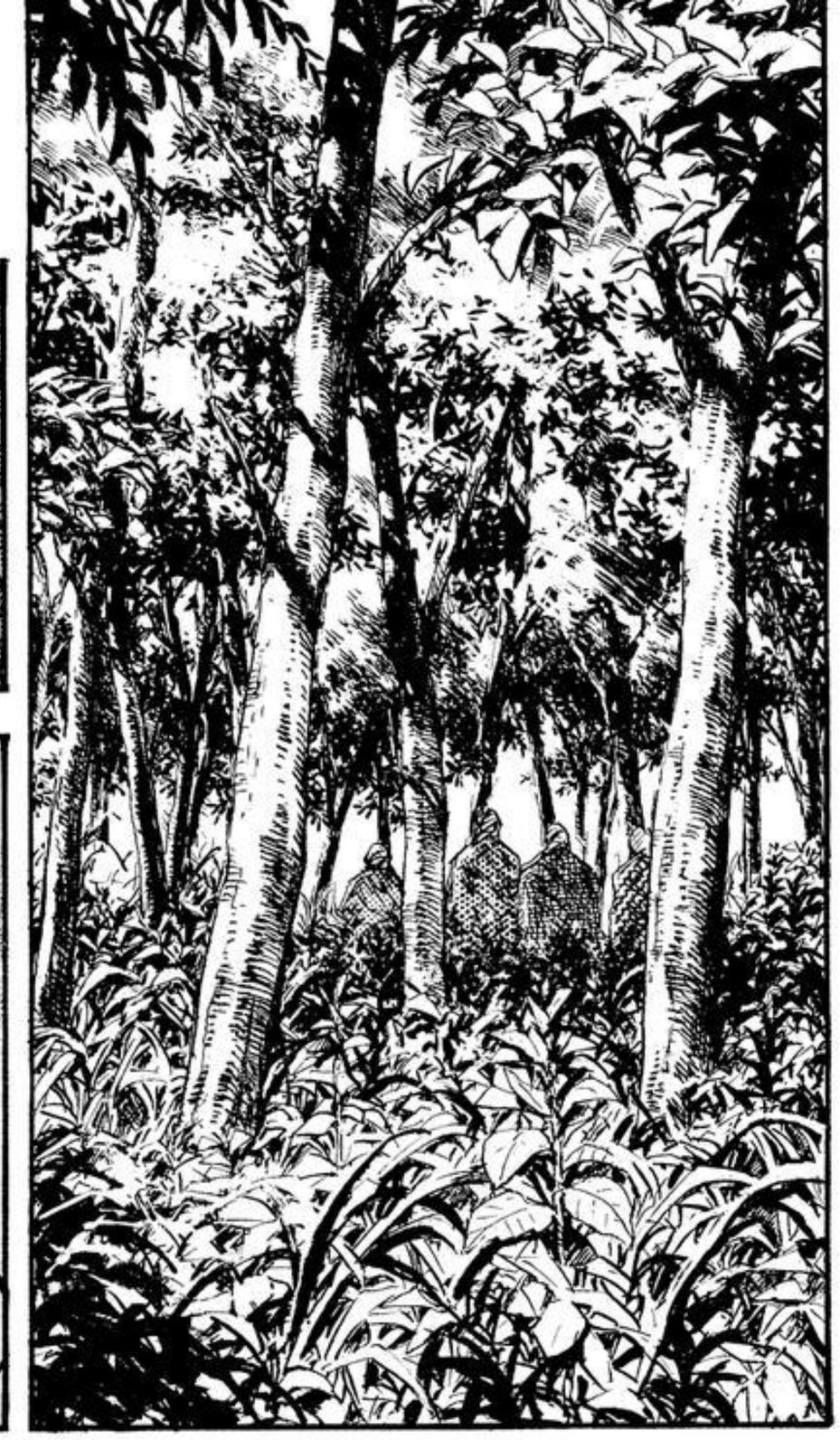
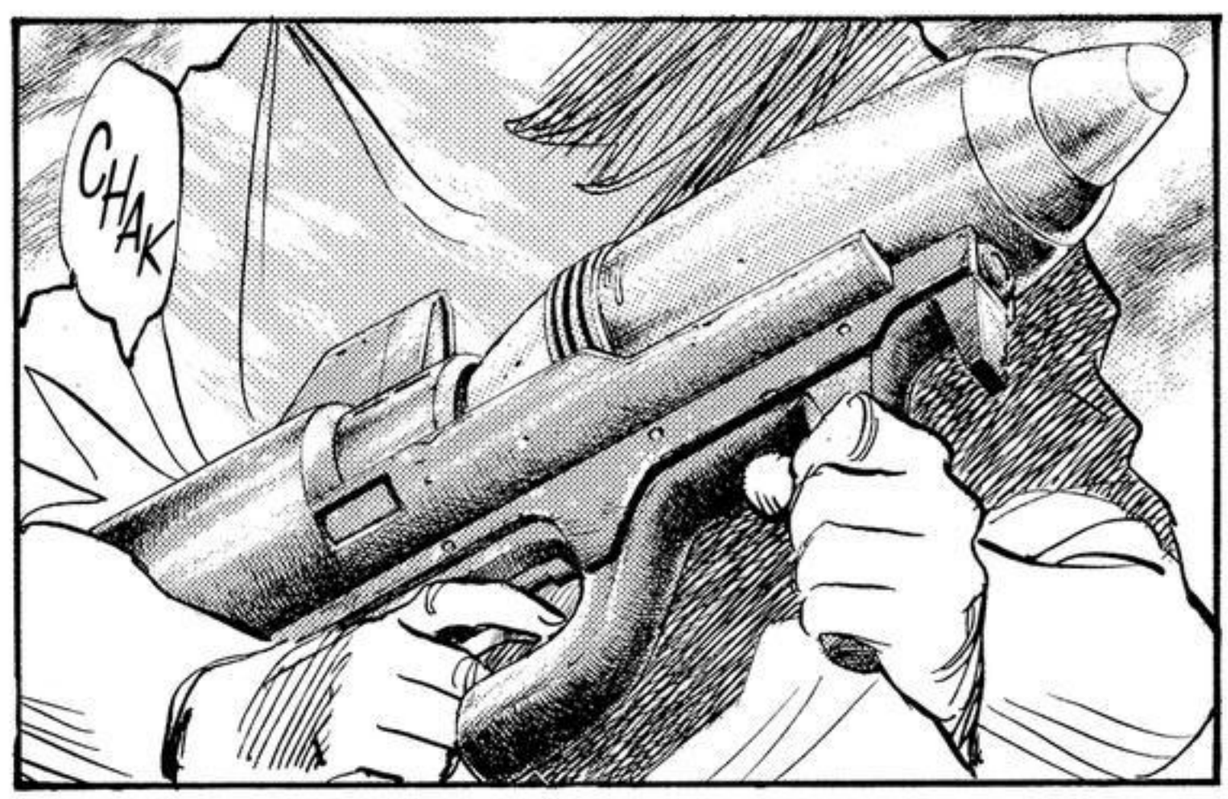
SNAP

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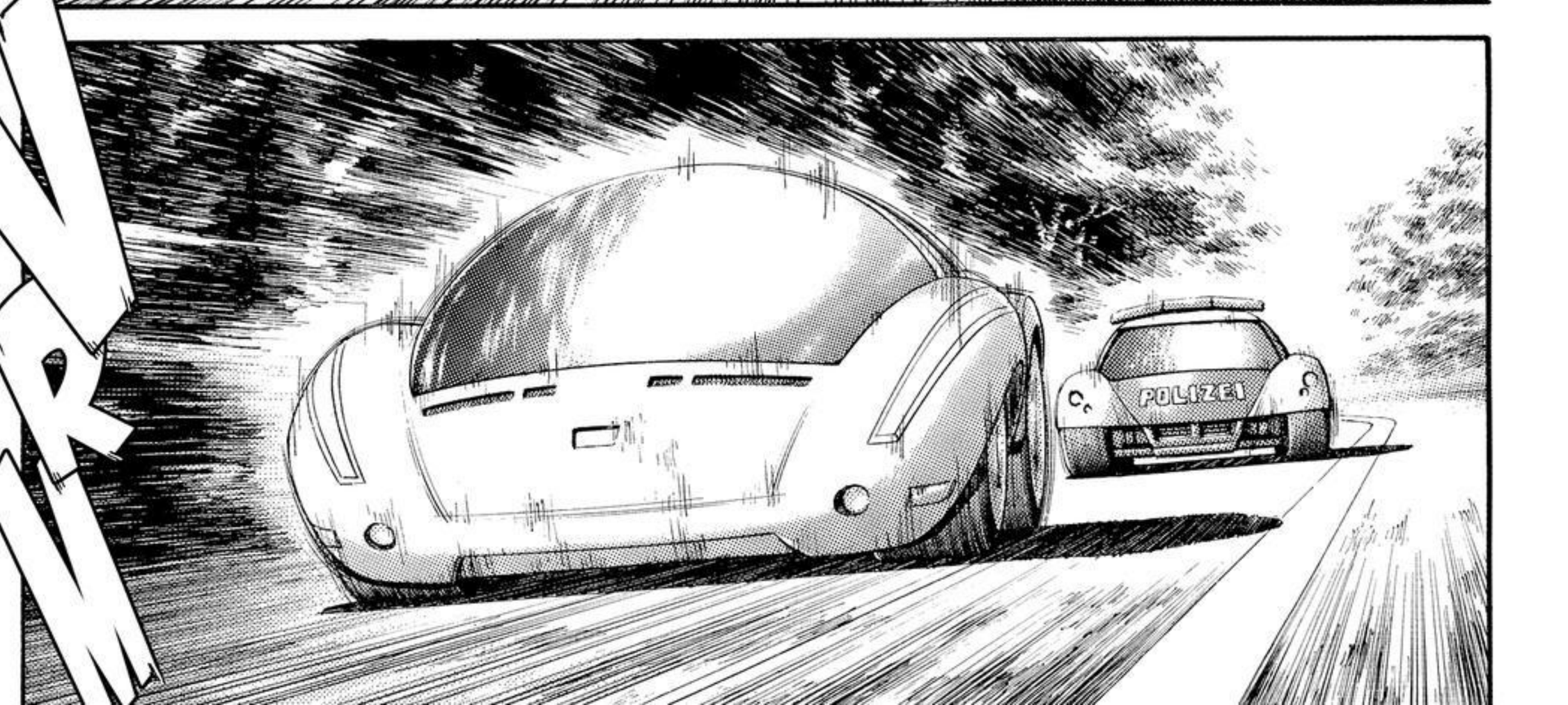
SHOOM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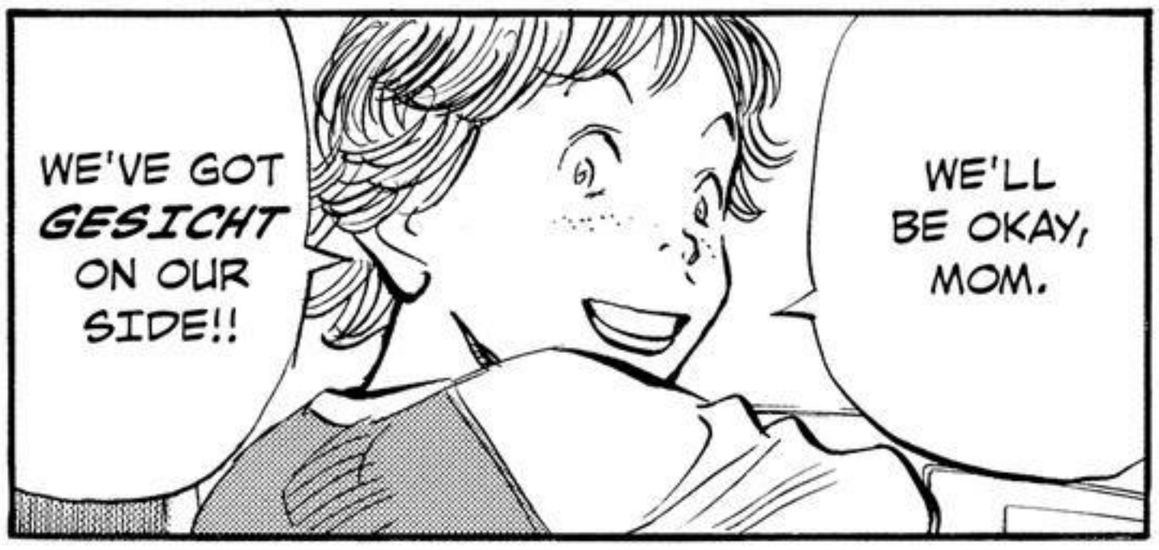
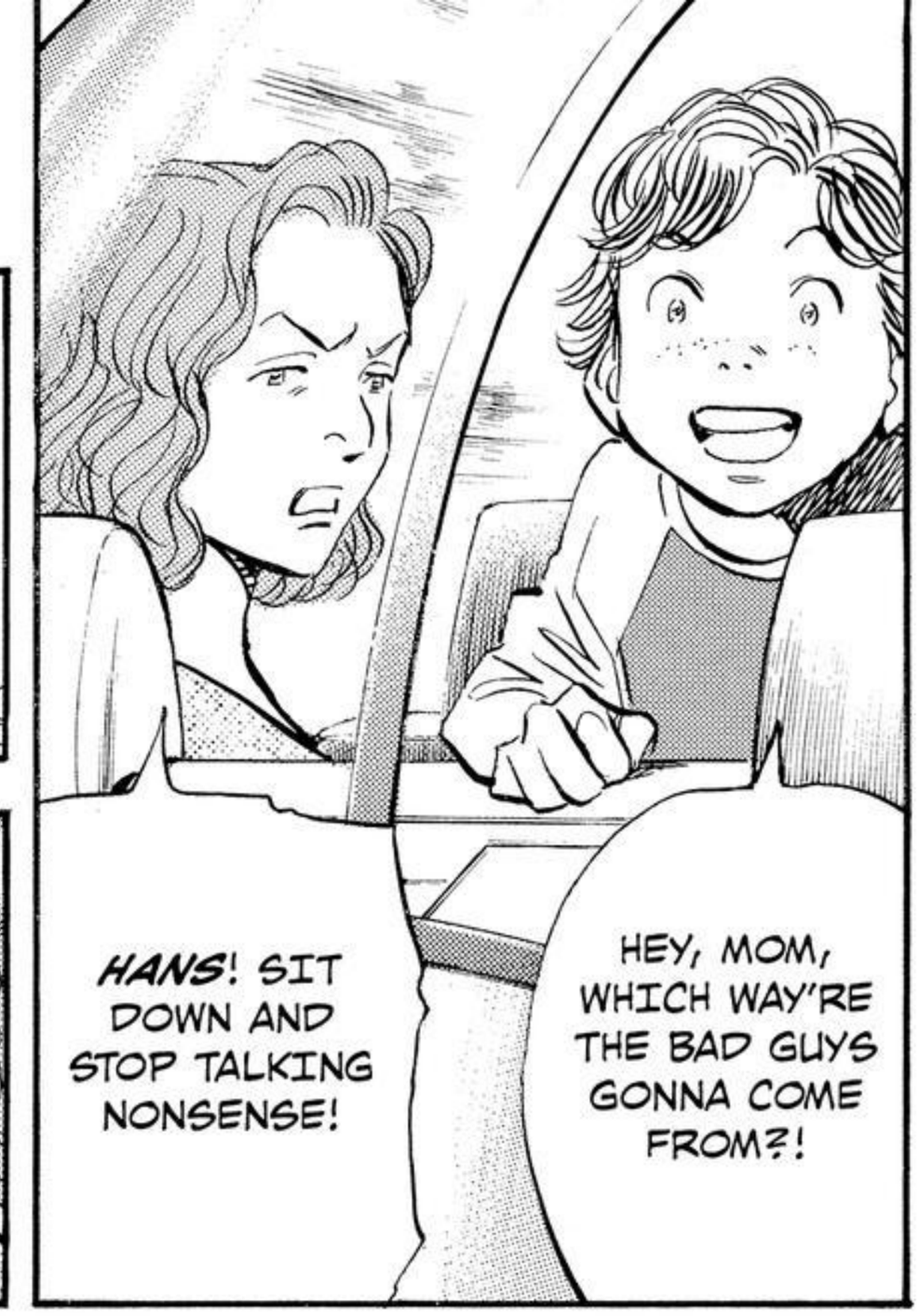
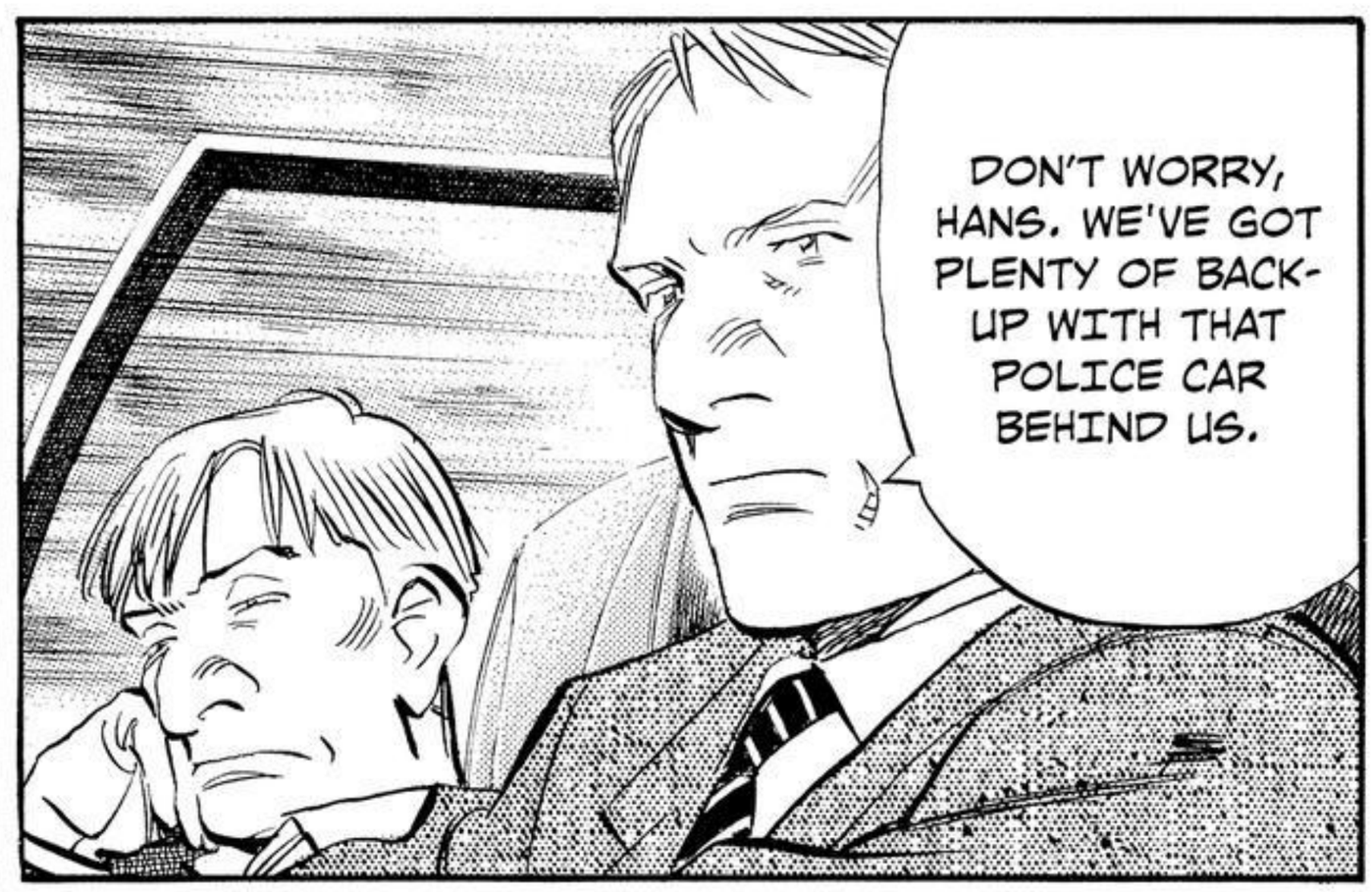
POLIZEI

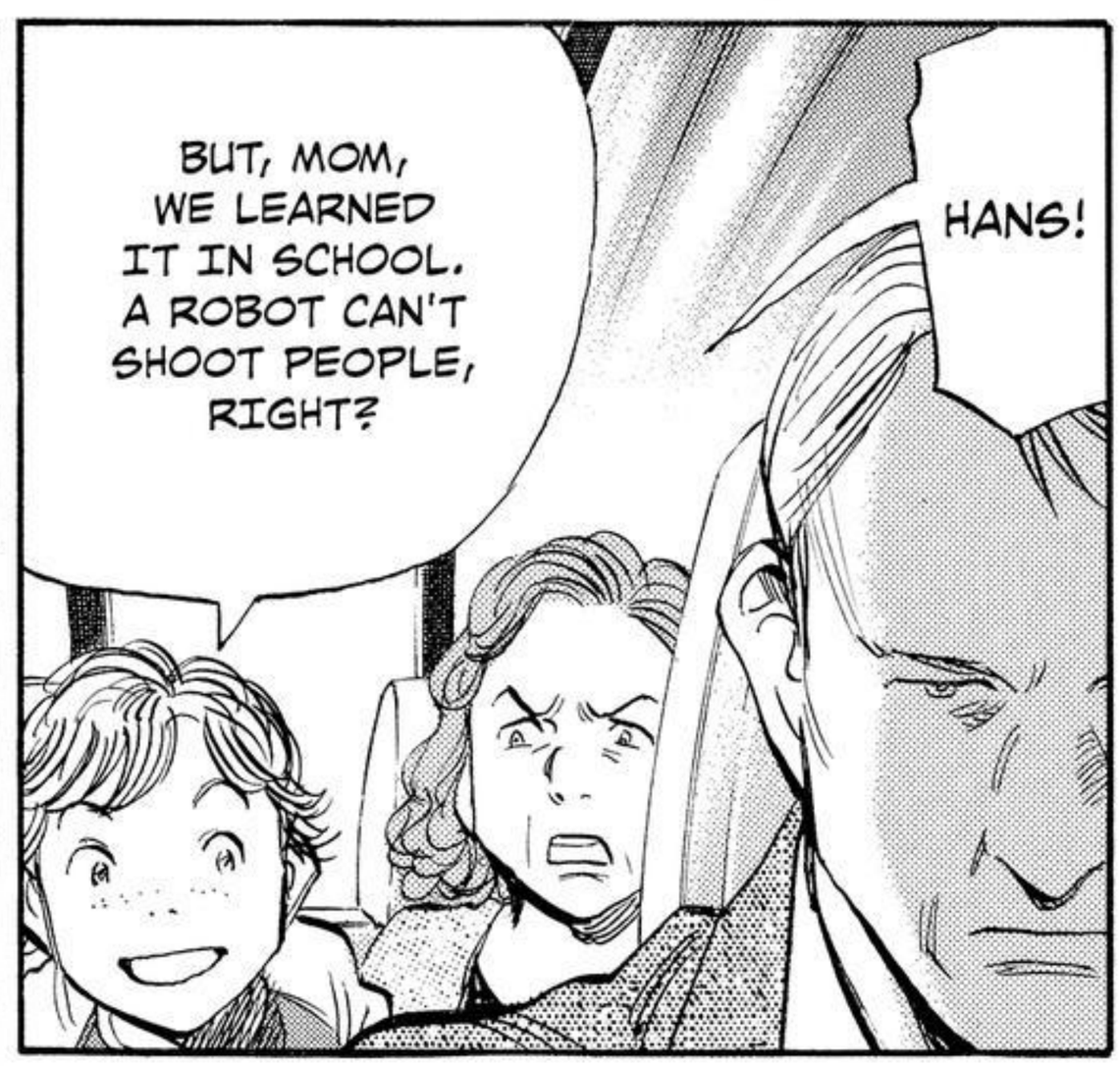

WE'VE GOT *GESICHT* ON OUR SIDE!!
WE'LL BE OKAY, MOM.


HANS! SIT DOWN AND STOP TALKING NONSENSE!
HEY, MOM, WHICH WAY'RE THE BAD GUYS GONNA COME FROM?!

YOU GOT A MACHINE GUN IN YOUR ARM OR SOMETHING?
WHAT'LL YOU DO IF THE BAD GUYS REALLY *DO* SHOW UP?


DON'T WORRY, HANS. WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF BACK-UP WITH THAT POLICE CAR BEHIND US.

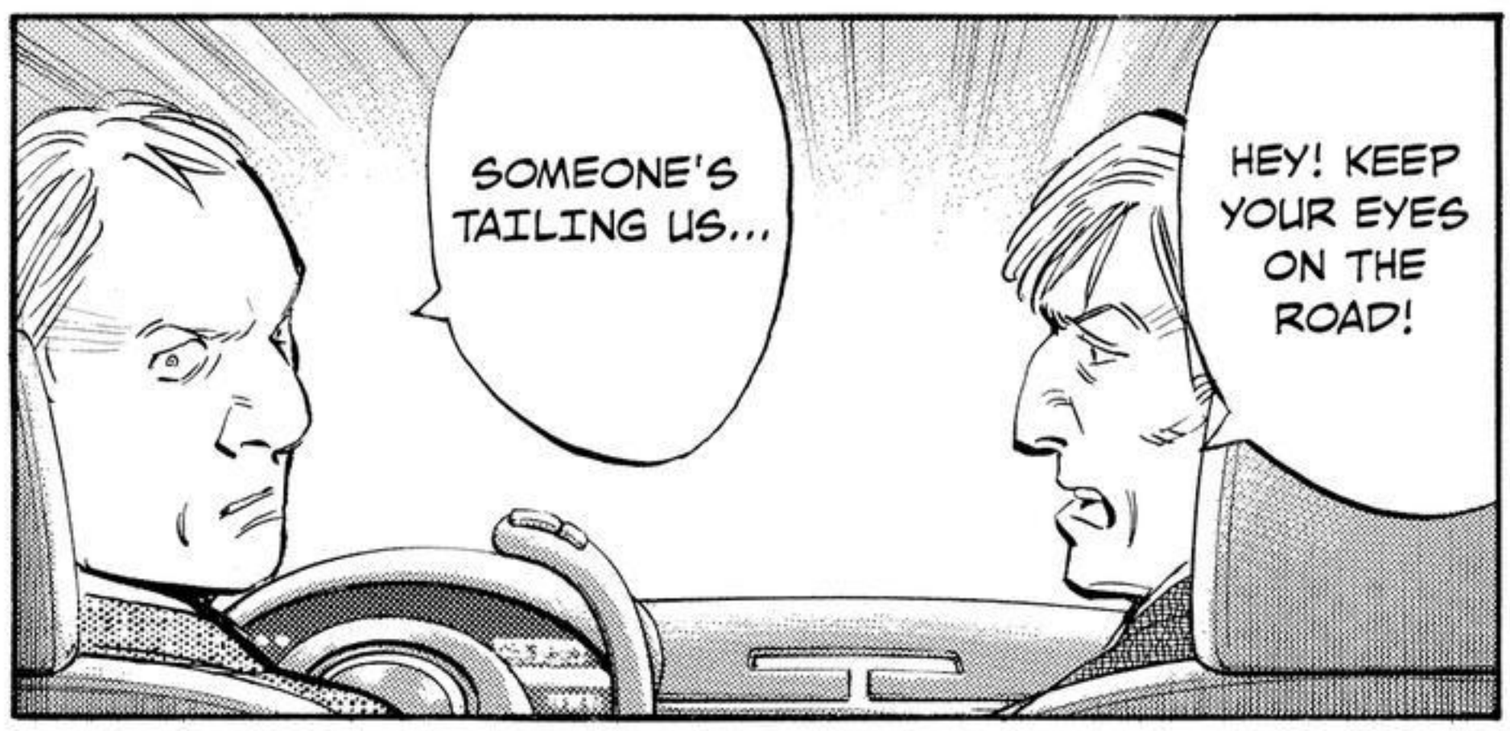
SO HOW'RE YOU GONNA DO IN THE BAD GUYS, GESICHT?


BUT, MOM, WE LEARNED IT IN SCHOOL. A ROBOT CAN'T SHOOT PEOPLE, RIGHT?
HANS!

THAT'S ENOUGH! FROM *BOTH* OF YOU!!

IN THE END, HE'LL JUST SHOOT 'EM, HANS.

RIGHT?


SOMEONE'S TAILING US...
HEY! KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD!

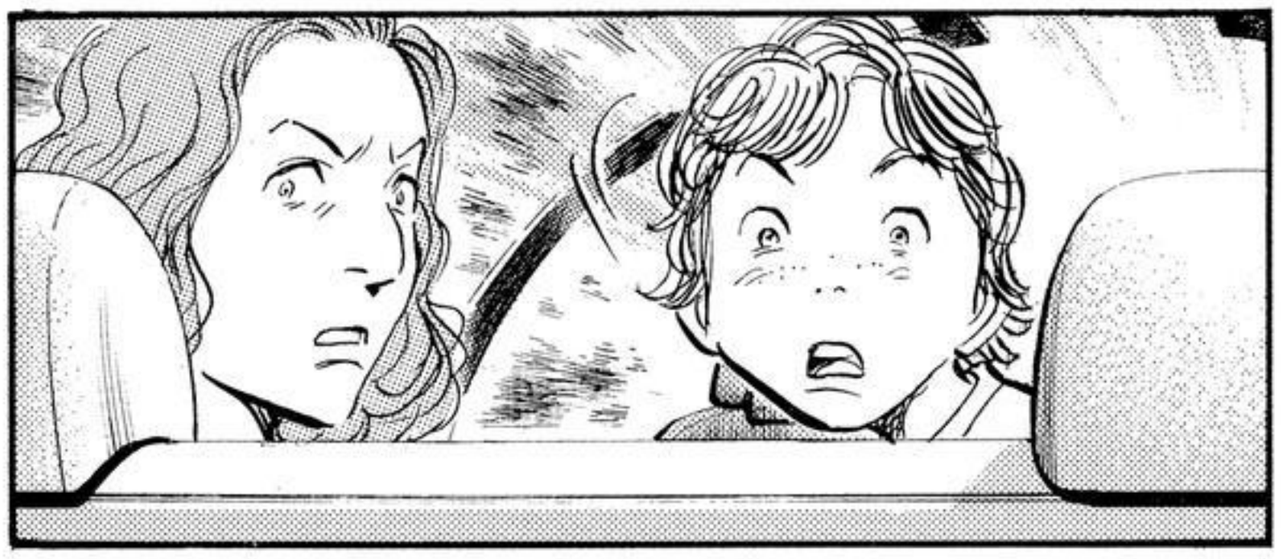
HMM?!

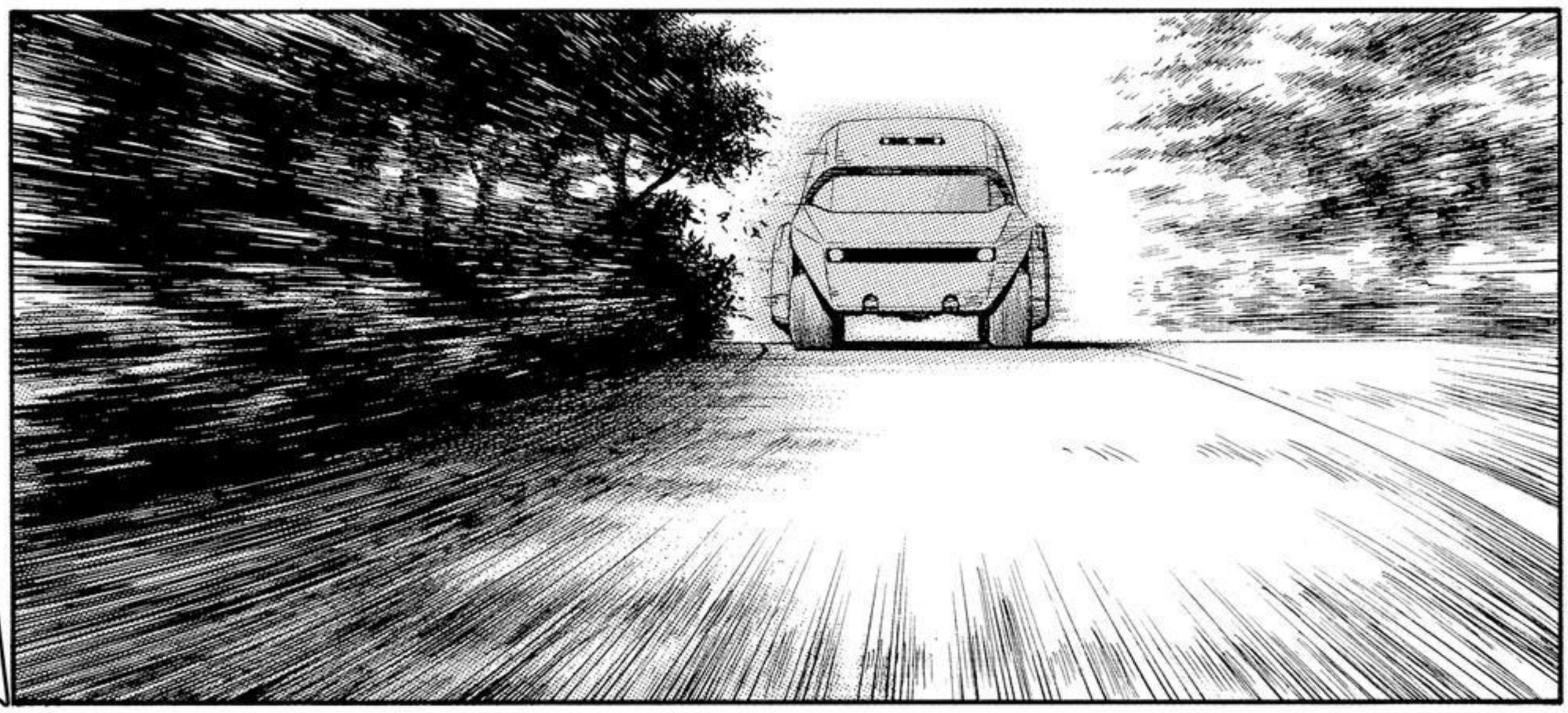
LOOK! THE POLICE CAR'S GONE TOO!

I'VE LOST COMMUNI-CATION!

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

THEY'RE COMING ...





SHOOM

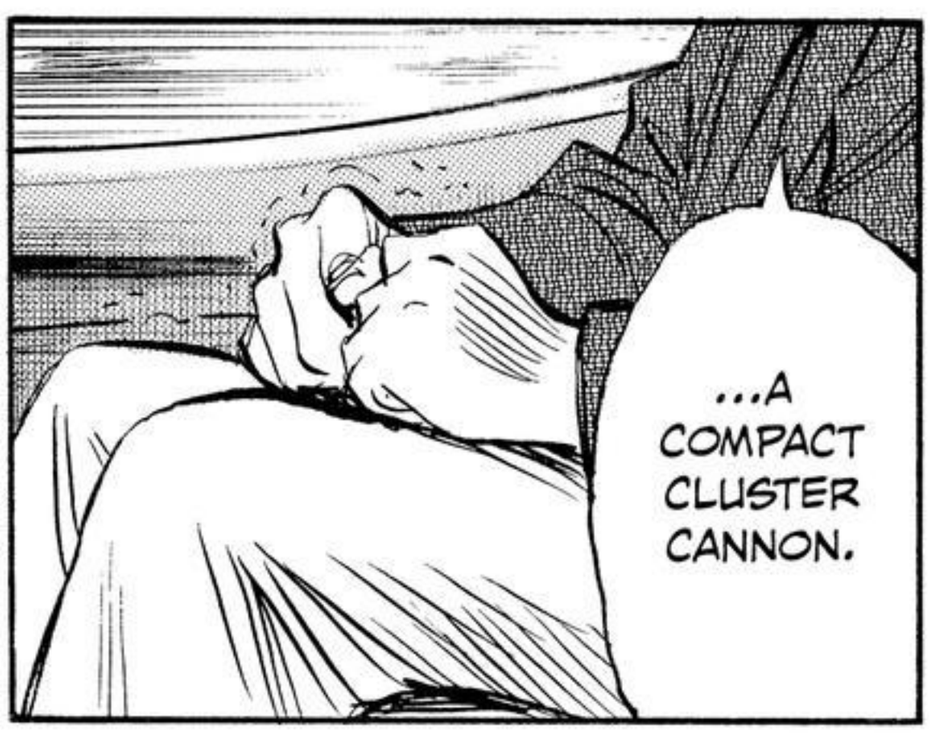
ARE THEY AFTER US?!

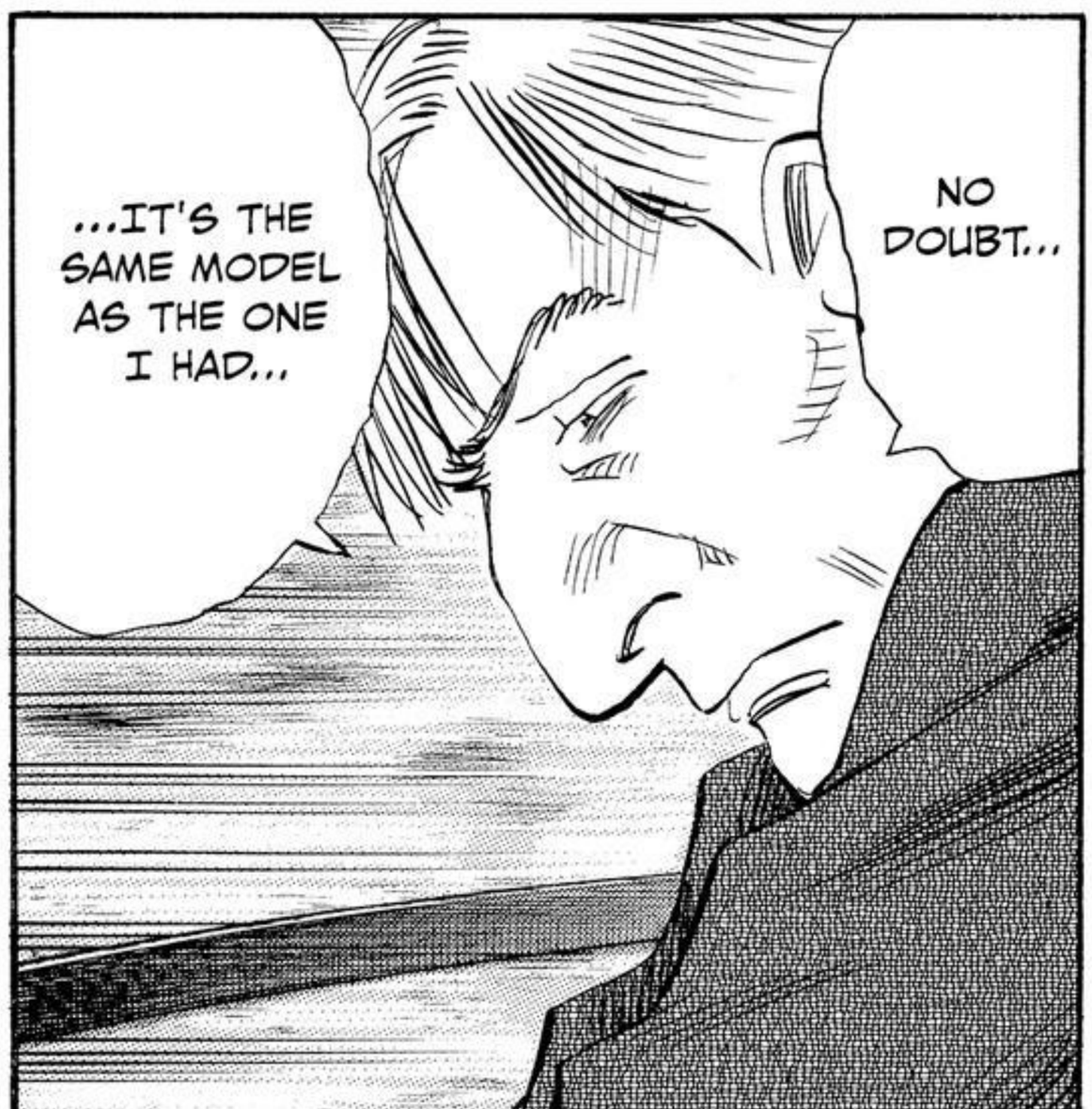
PUT YOUR SEAT SAFETY-LOCKS ON!!
I'M GOING TO STEP ON IT!

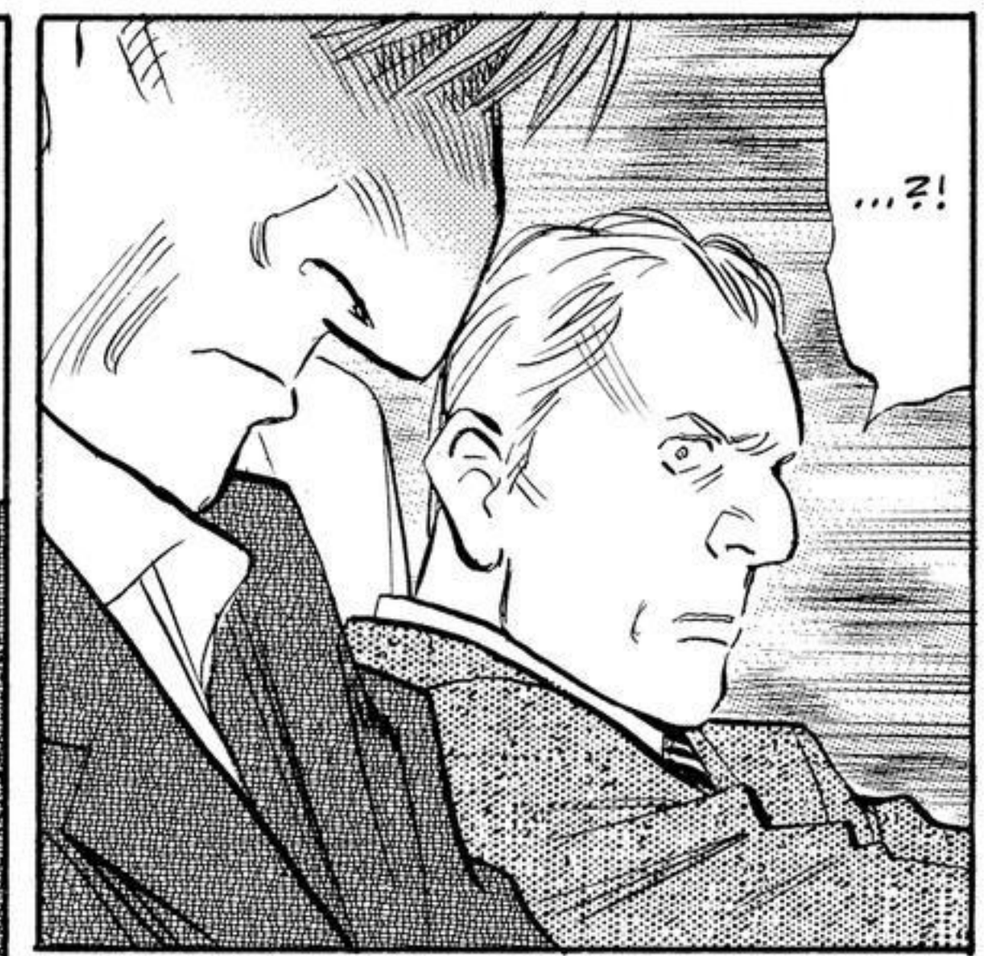
SCREECH

THEY'RE COMIN' UP *REAL FAST*...!!

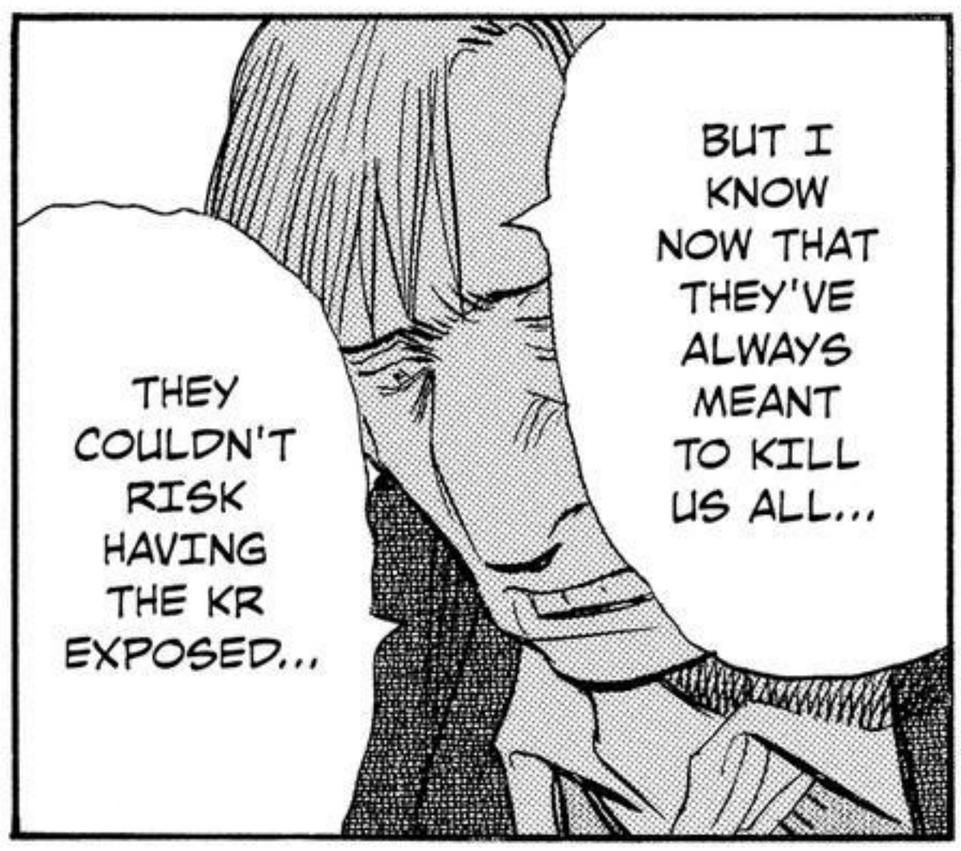
EEEEEK!!





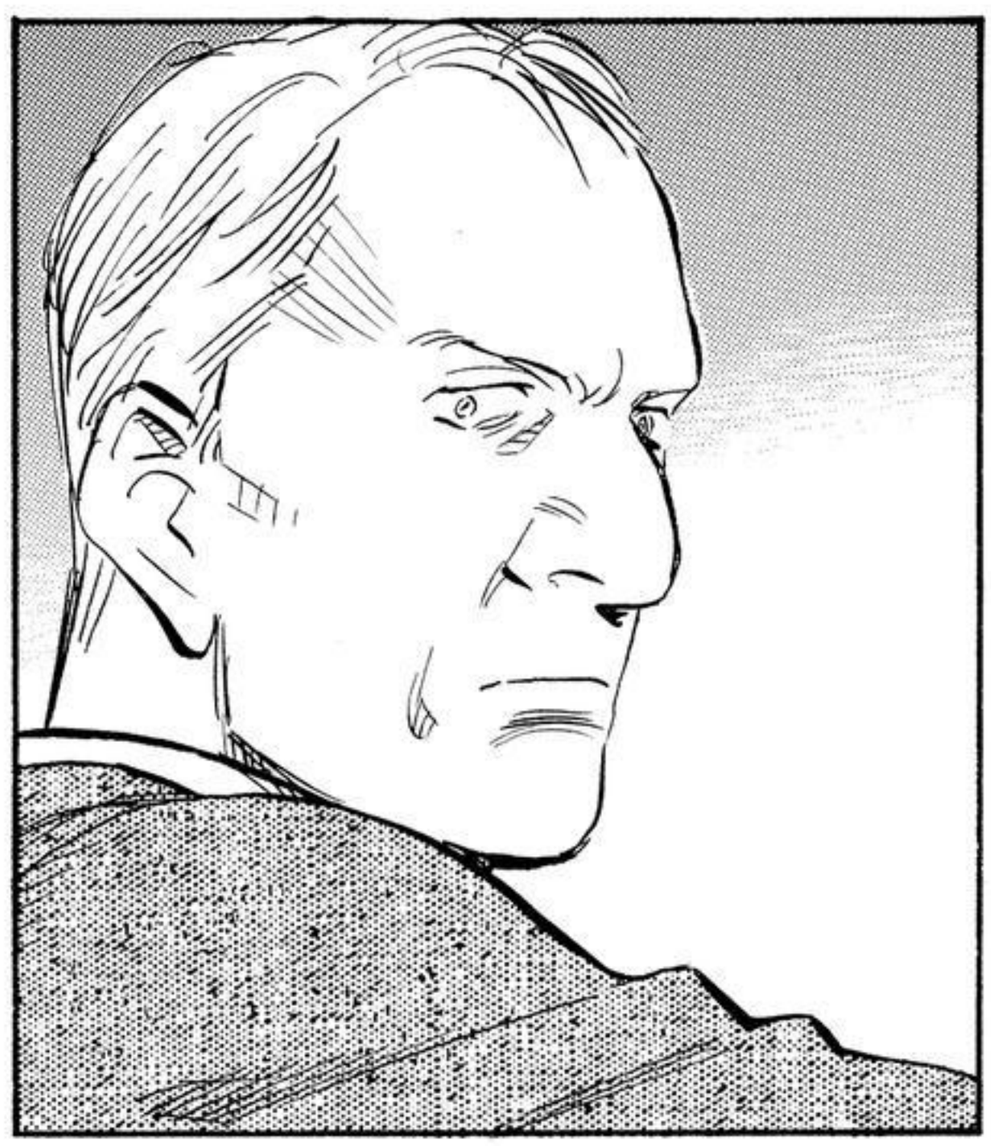


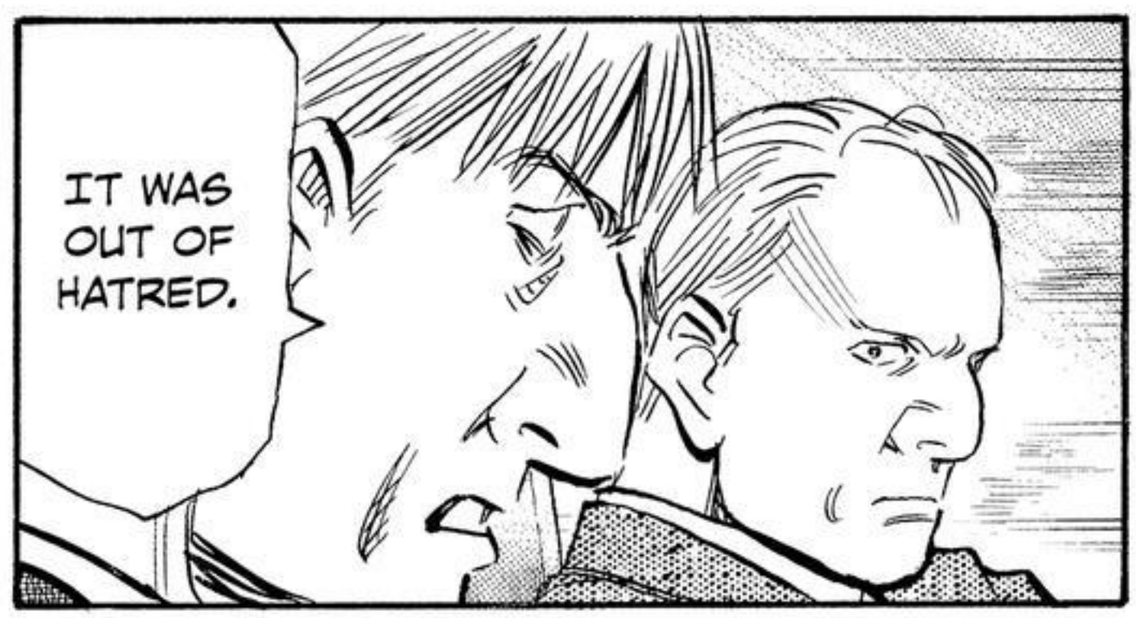
PLEASE HELP US...



THAT'S WHY...
THAT'S WHY I PLANNED TO *KILL* YOU!!

YOU KILLED MY BROTHER.
I HATE YOUR GUTS, GESICHT!!

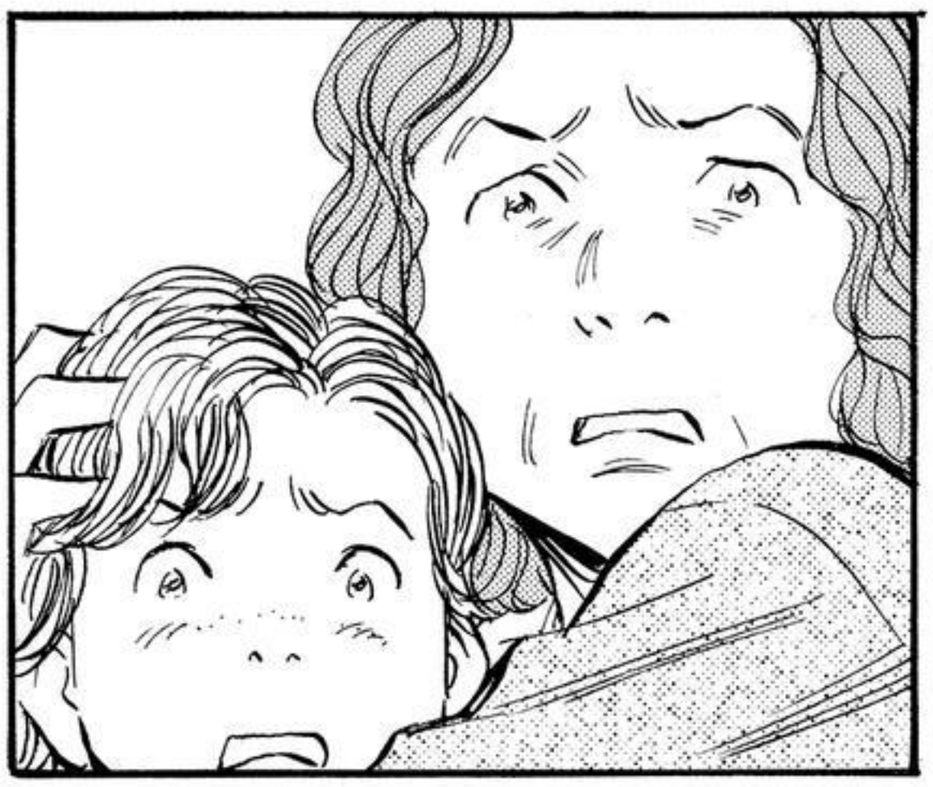



IT WAS OUT OF HATRED.

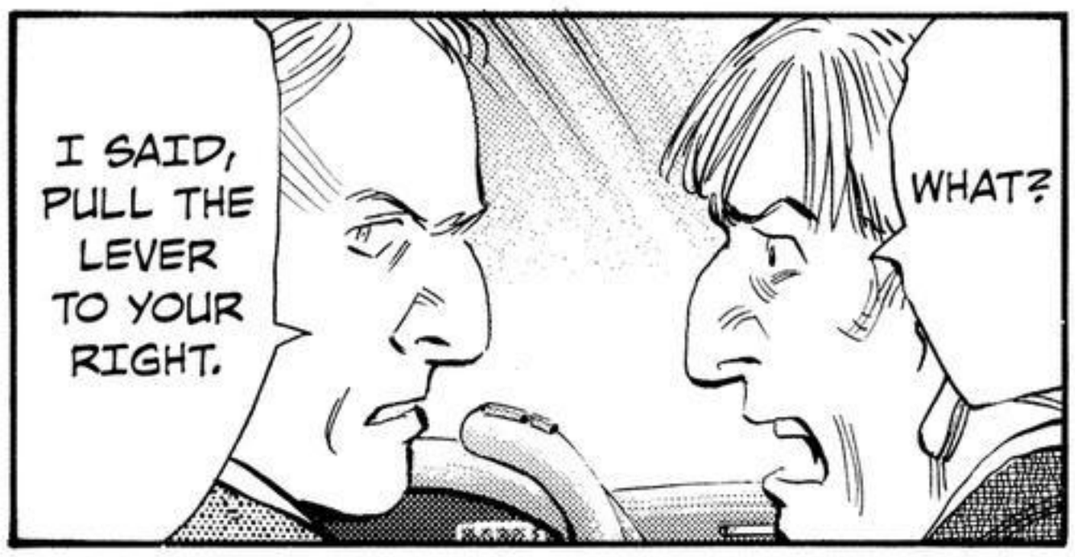
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT?

...IS CAPABLE OF *HATE*.
I KNOW NOW, EVEN A ROBOT LIKE YOU...

WITHOUT HATE, YOU COULDN'T HAVE KILLED MY BROTHER LIKE THAT.



MY WIFE AND SON HAVE *NOTHING* TO DO WITH THIS!! UNDERSTAND?
BUT THIS IS ONLY BETWEEN YOU AND ME AN' MY BROTHER!!


I SAID, PULL THE LEVER TO YOUR RIGHT.
WHAT?

I'M BEGGING YOU, GESICHT! YOU'VE GOT TO SAVE MY WIFE AND SON!!
PULL THE LEVER TO YOUR RIGHT!

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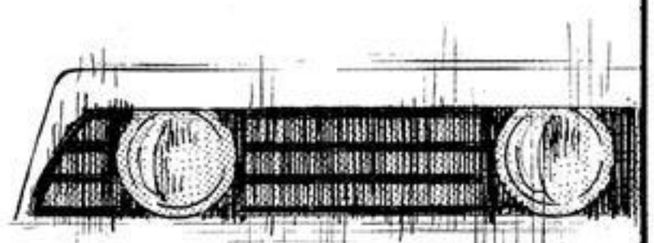
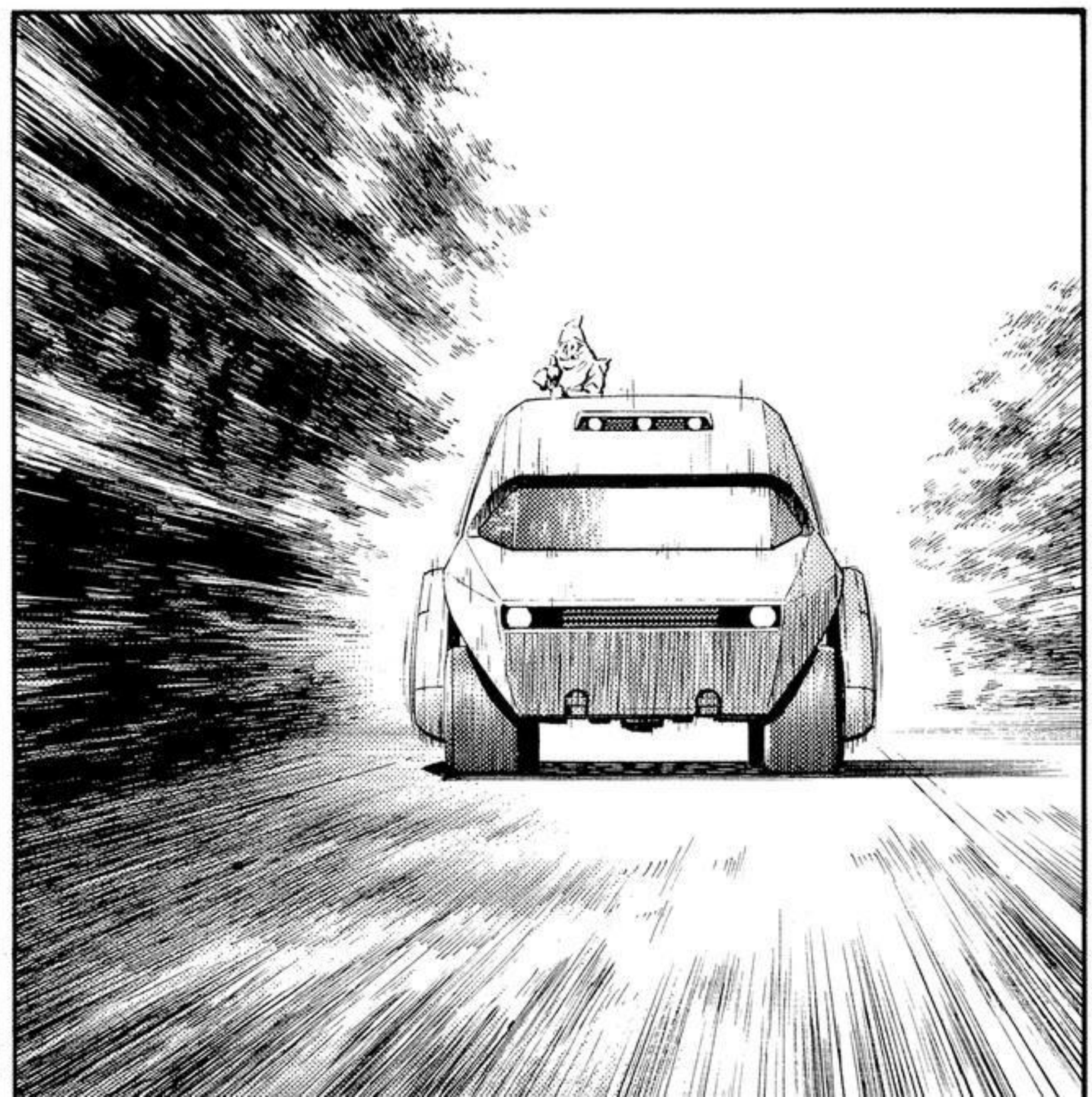
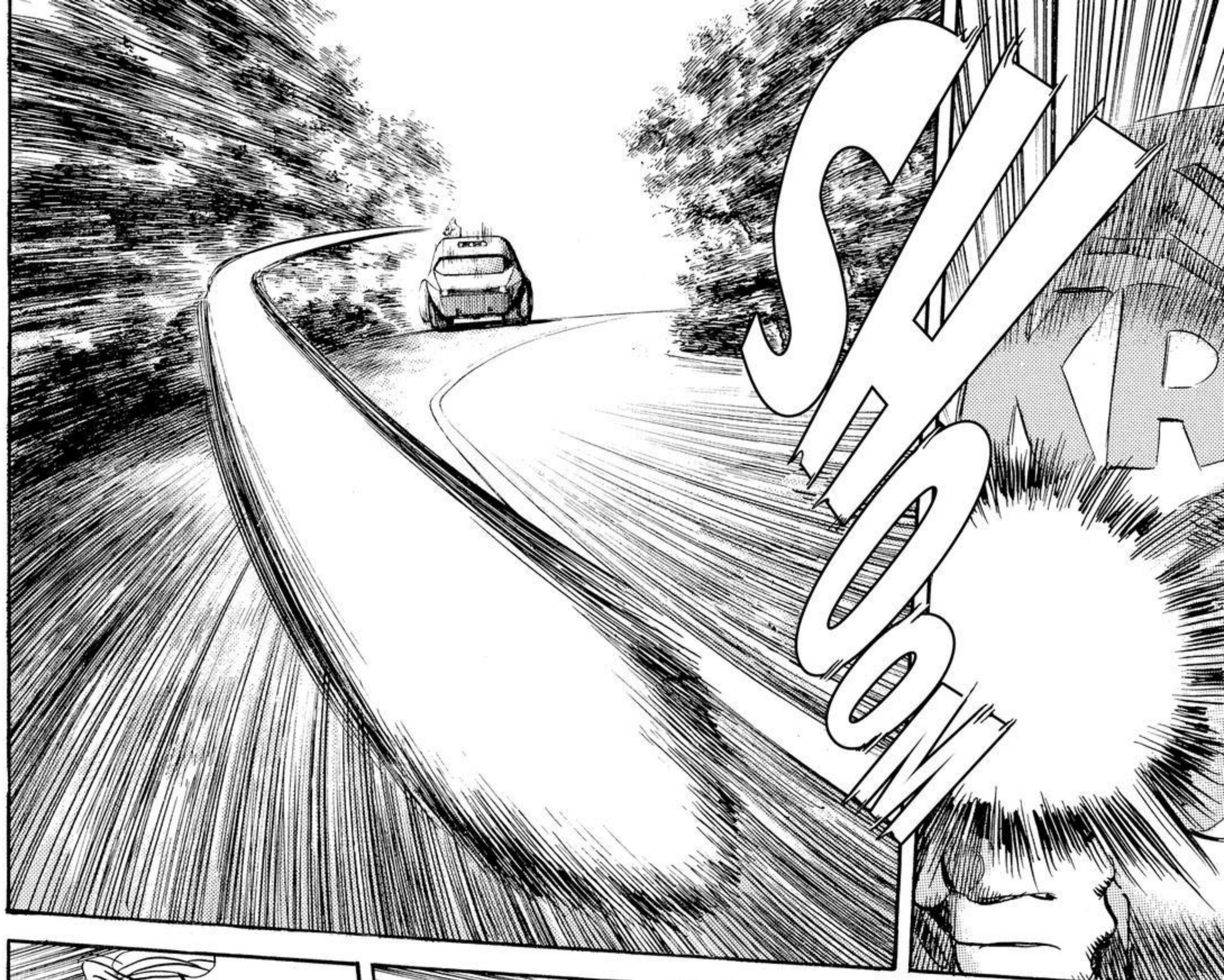
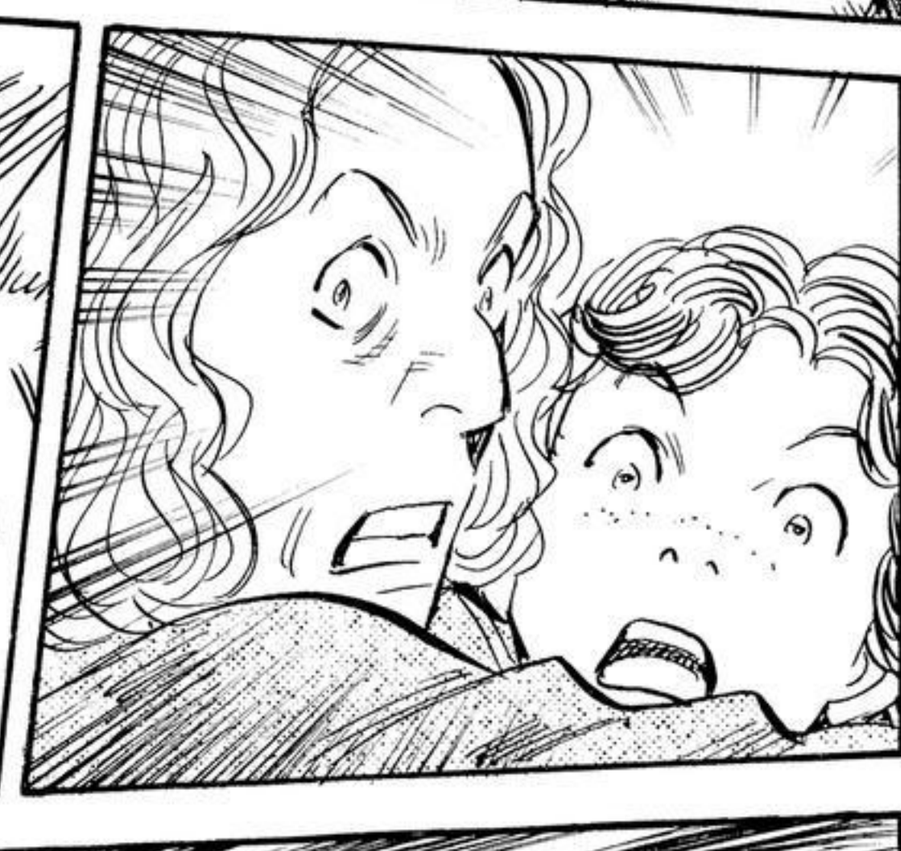
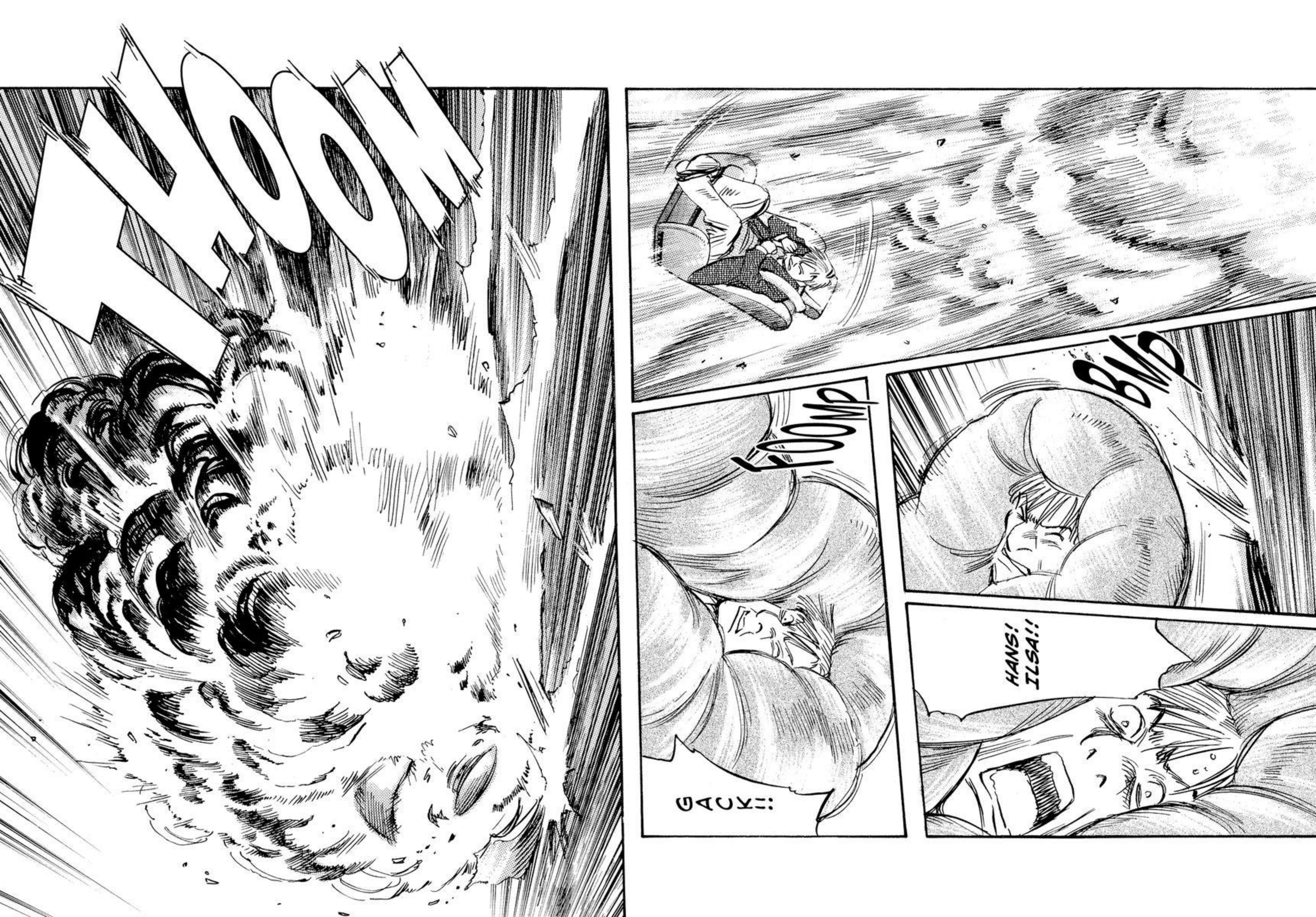





SMASH!

MRS. HAAS! HANS!! *HANG ON!*



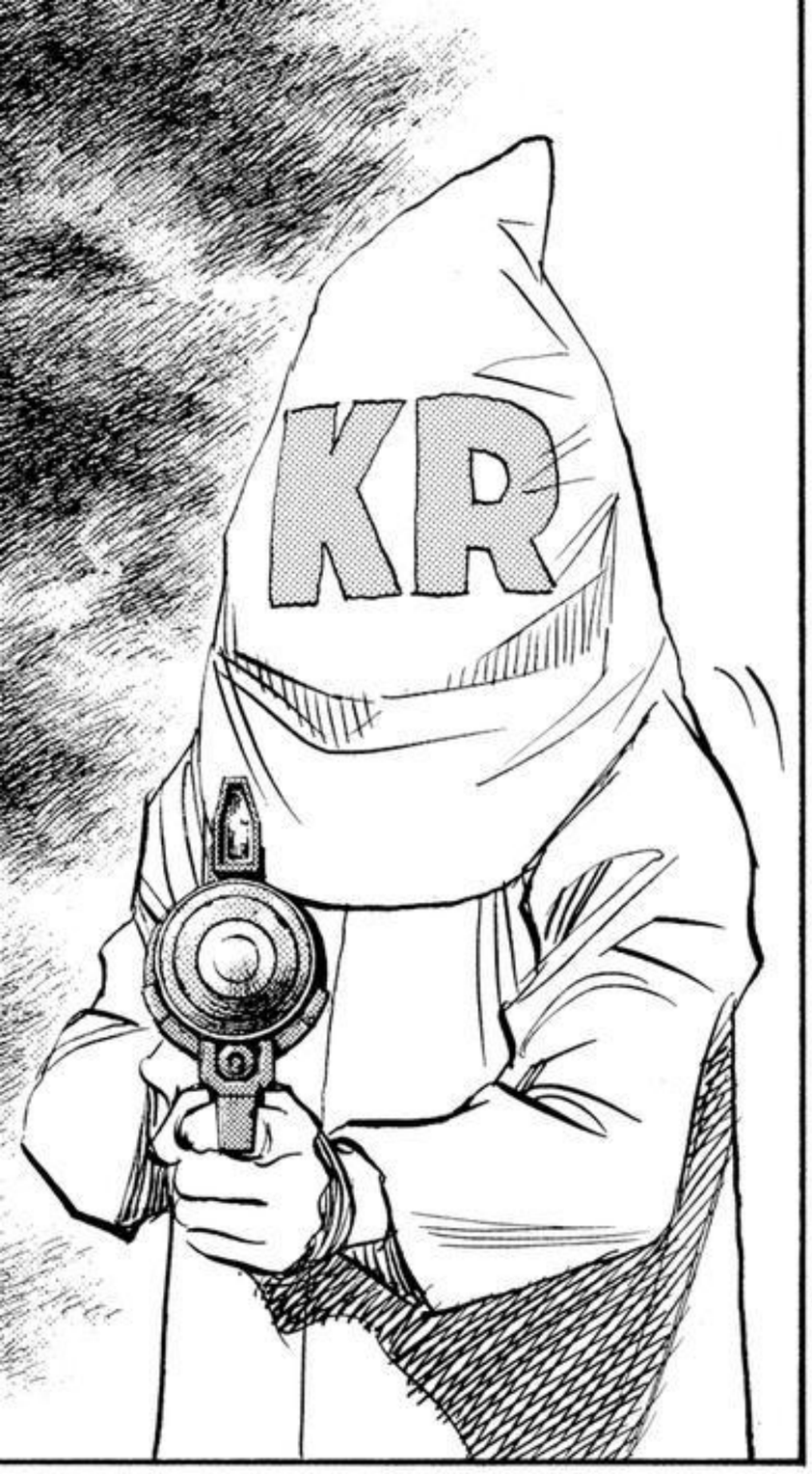

HANS!
ILSA!!
BAP
KOOM
THOOM

HANS!
ILSA!
ESHH—

CRACK
CRUNCH

!!

HANS!!
ILSA!!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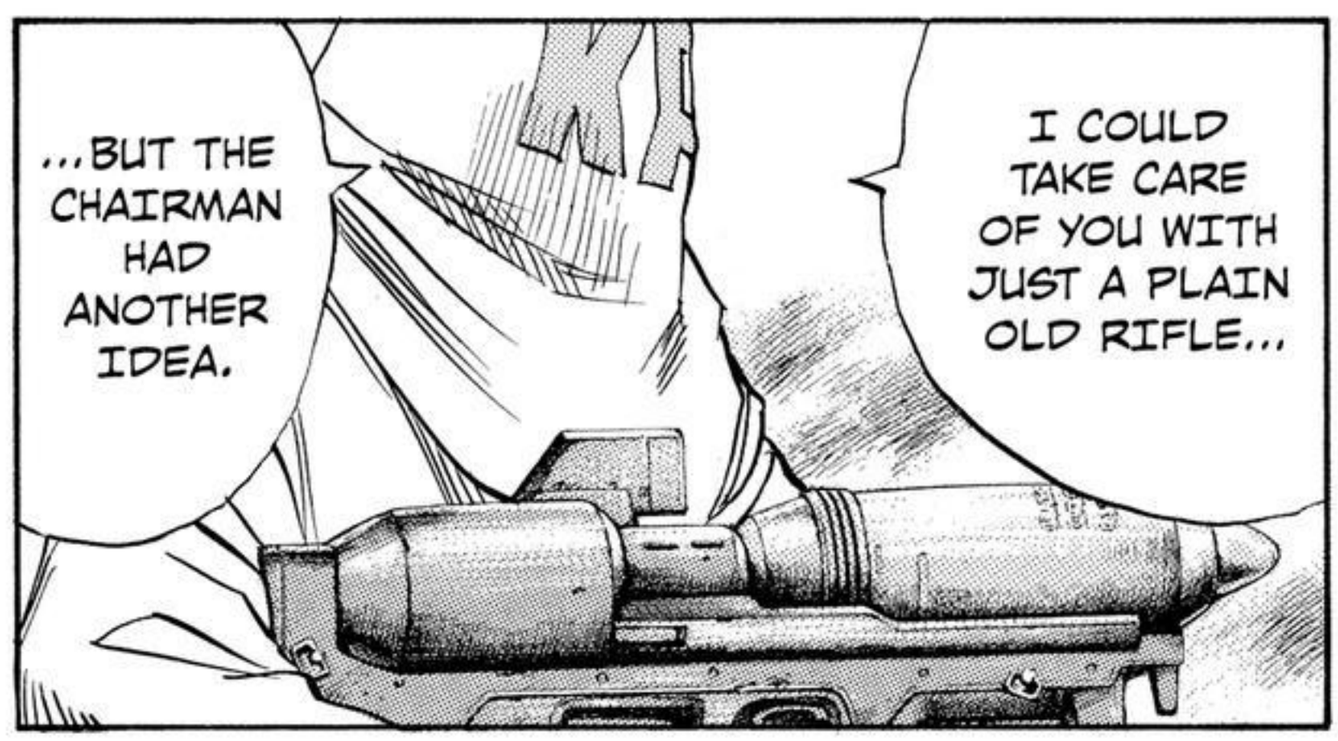
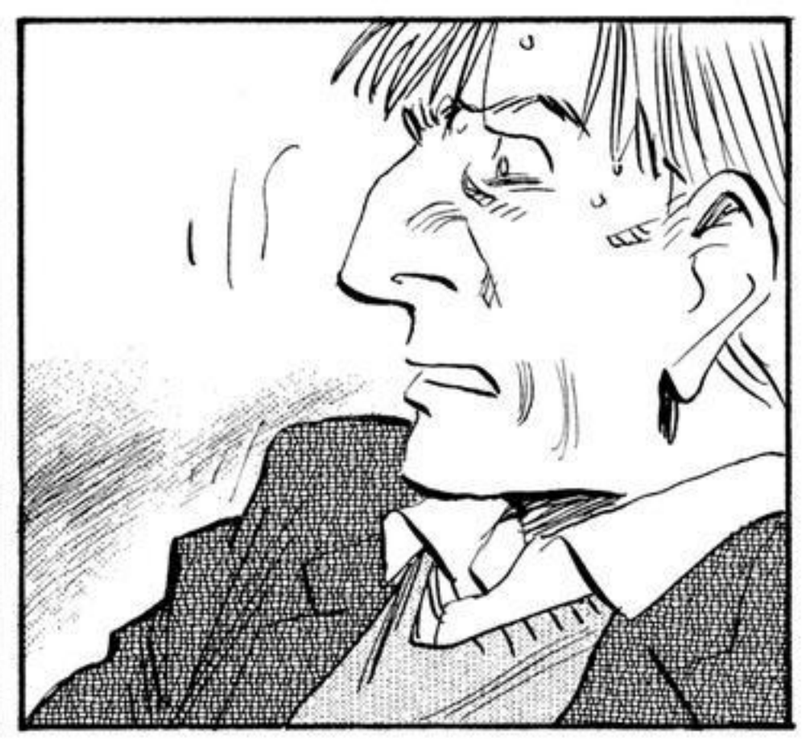
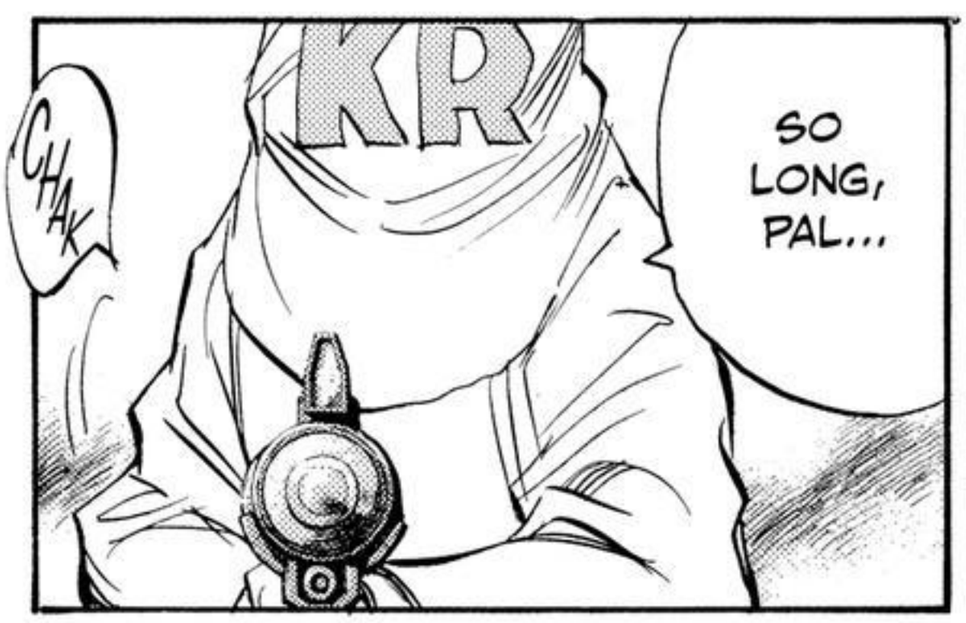
KR


...BUT THE CHAIRMAN HAD ANOTHER IDEA.
I COULD TAKE CARE OF YOU WITH JUST A PLAIN OLD RIFLE...




CHAK
KR
SO LONG, PAL...

KR

KR
WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT LOOK LIKE IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT.
MAKE IT LOOK LIKE YOU WERE KILLED WHEN A *CLUSTER CANNON* YOU WERE HOLDING *BLEW UP*!

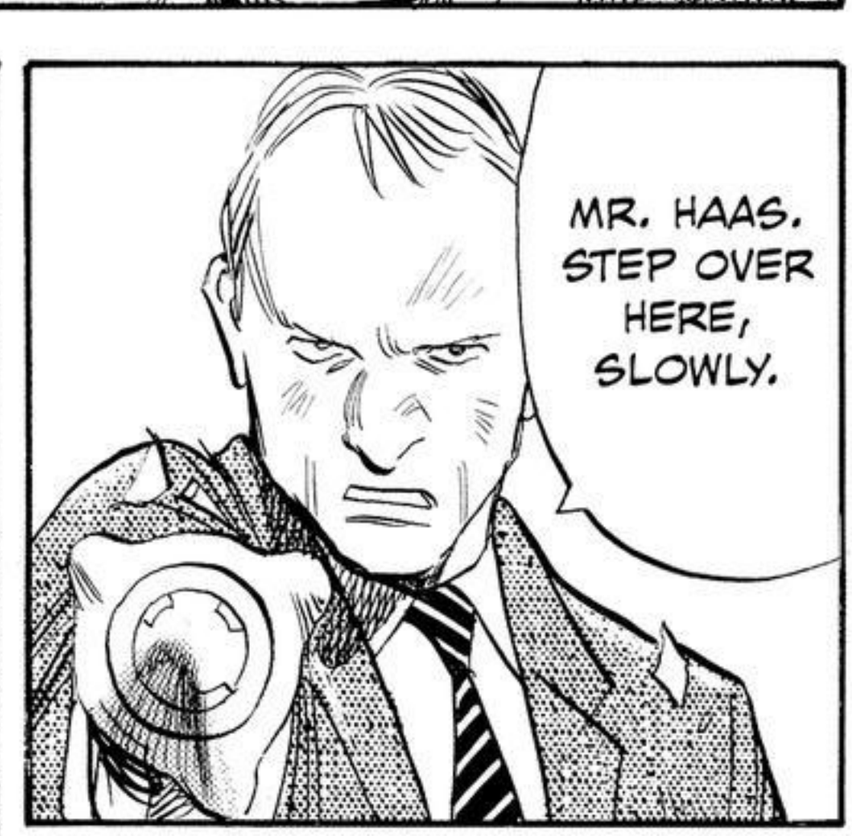
YOU CAN'T SHOOT ME WITH THAT GUN IN YOUR ARM. I'M *HUMAN*!
KR
AH, THE ROBOT COP!

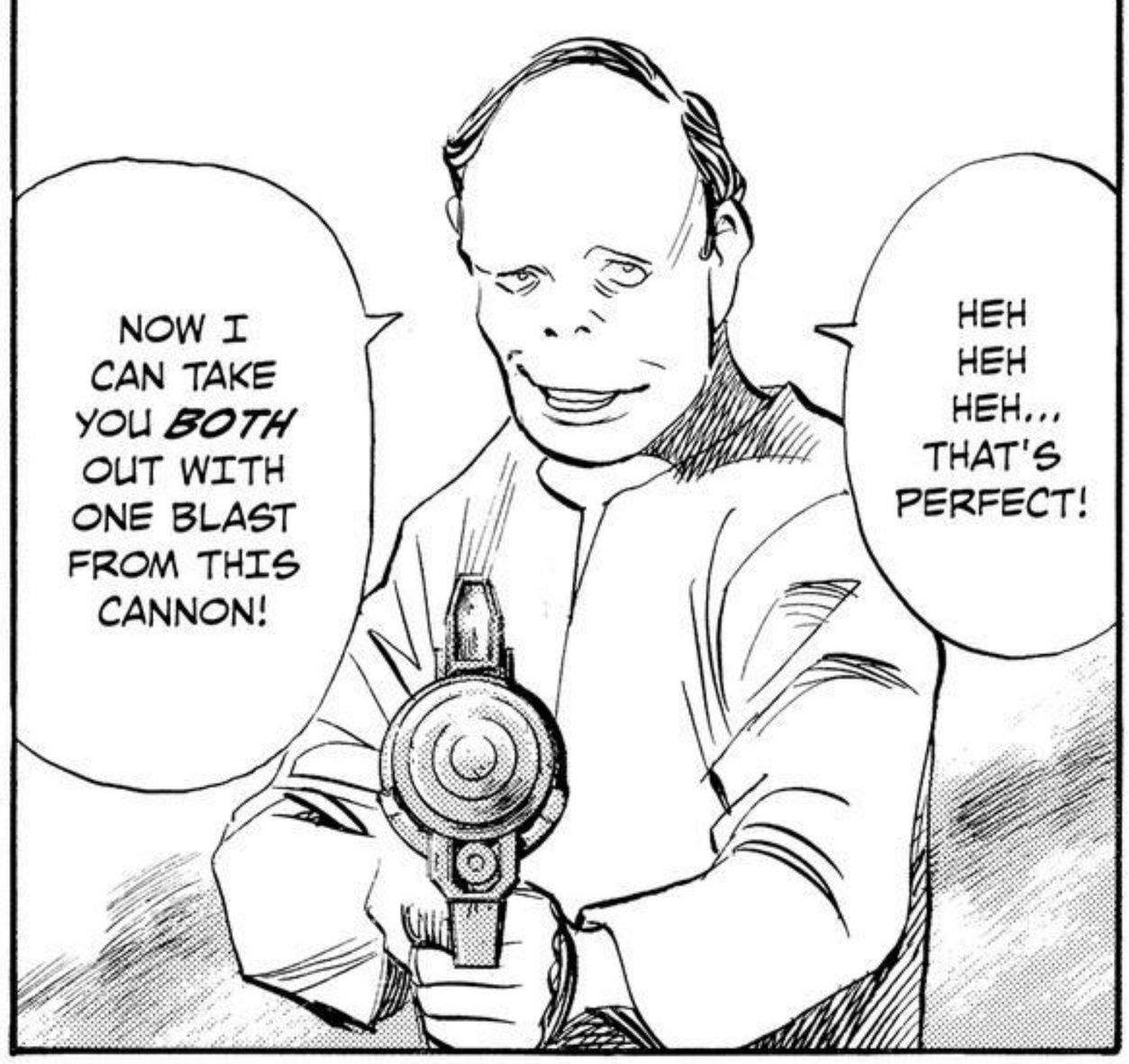
DROP YOUR WEAPON!!
SHUF

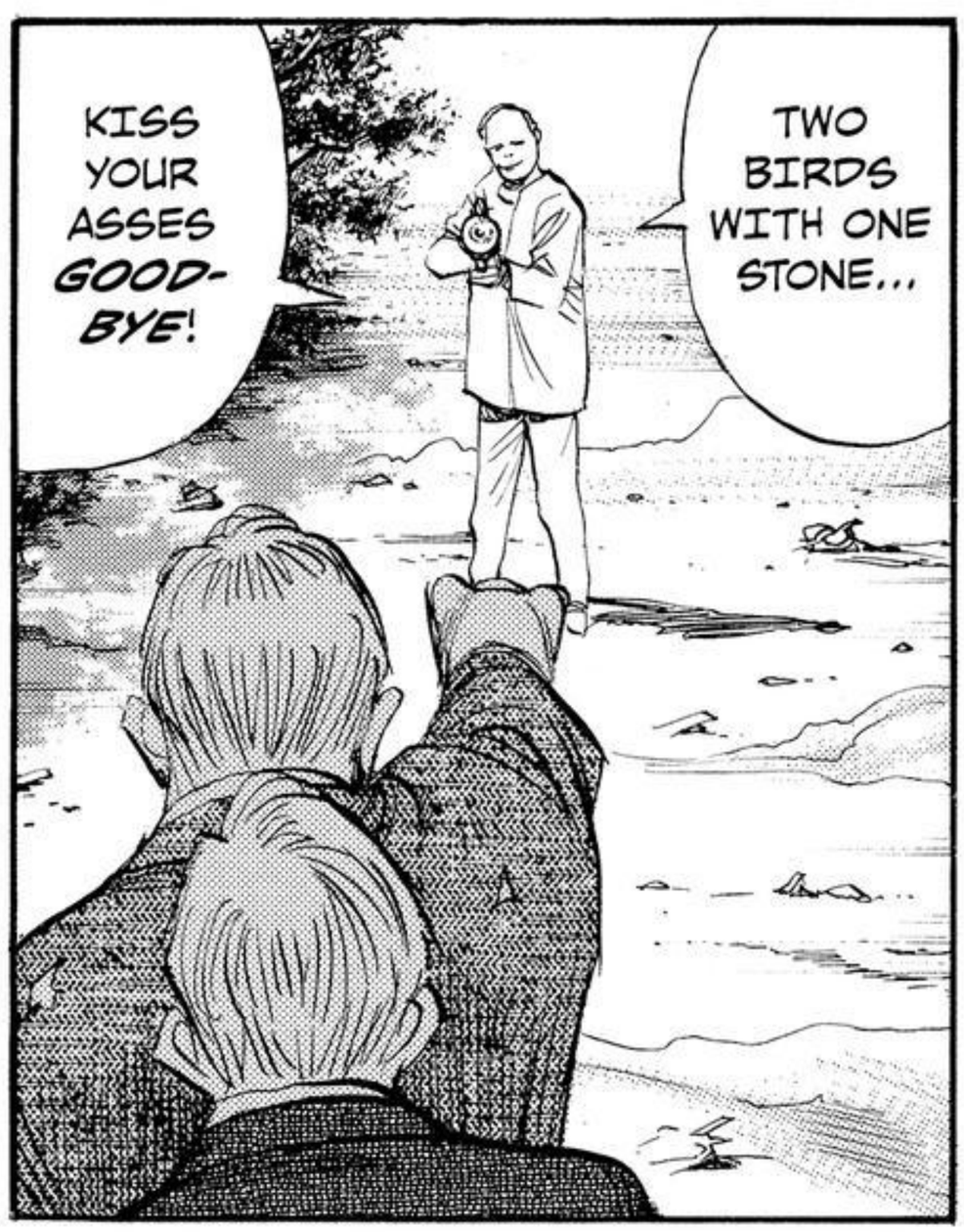
...
ONE STEP CLOSER, AND I'LL BLOW THIS GUY TO SMITHEREENS.

AND YOU'RE *NOT ALLOWED* TO KILL ME!

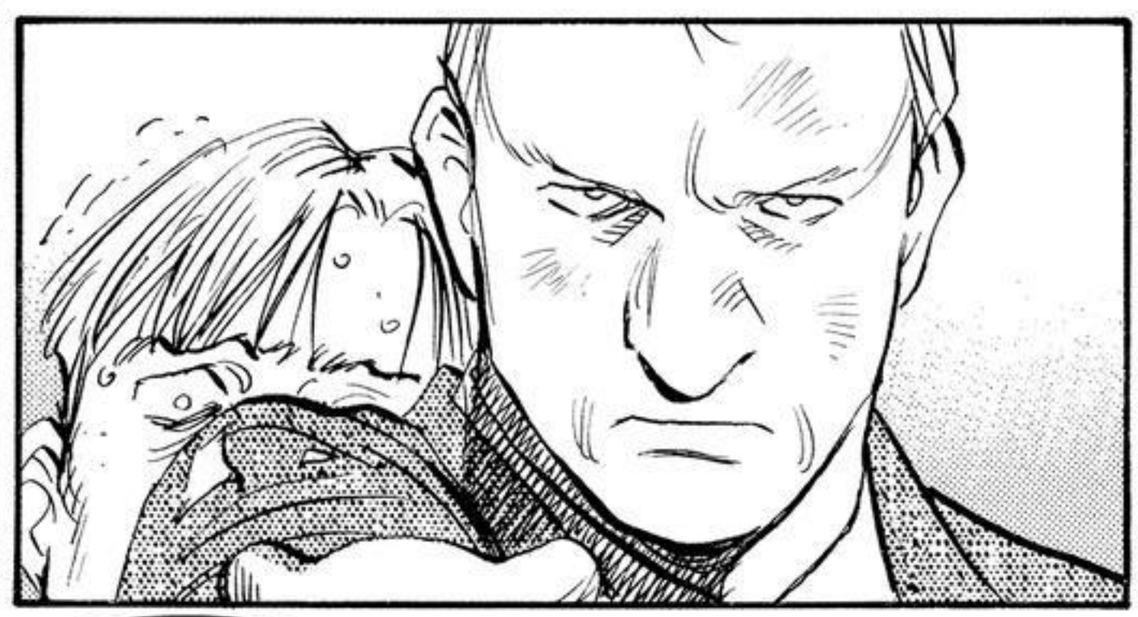
EASY NOW. STAND BEHIND ME.


MR. HAAS. STEP OVER HERE, SLOWLY.


NOW I CAN TAKE YOU *BOTH* OUT WITH ONE BLAST FROM THIS CANNON!
HEH HEH HEH... THAT'S PERFECT!

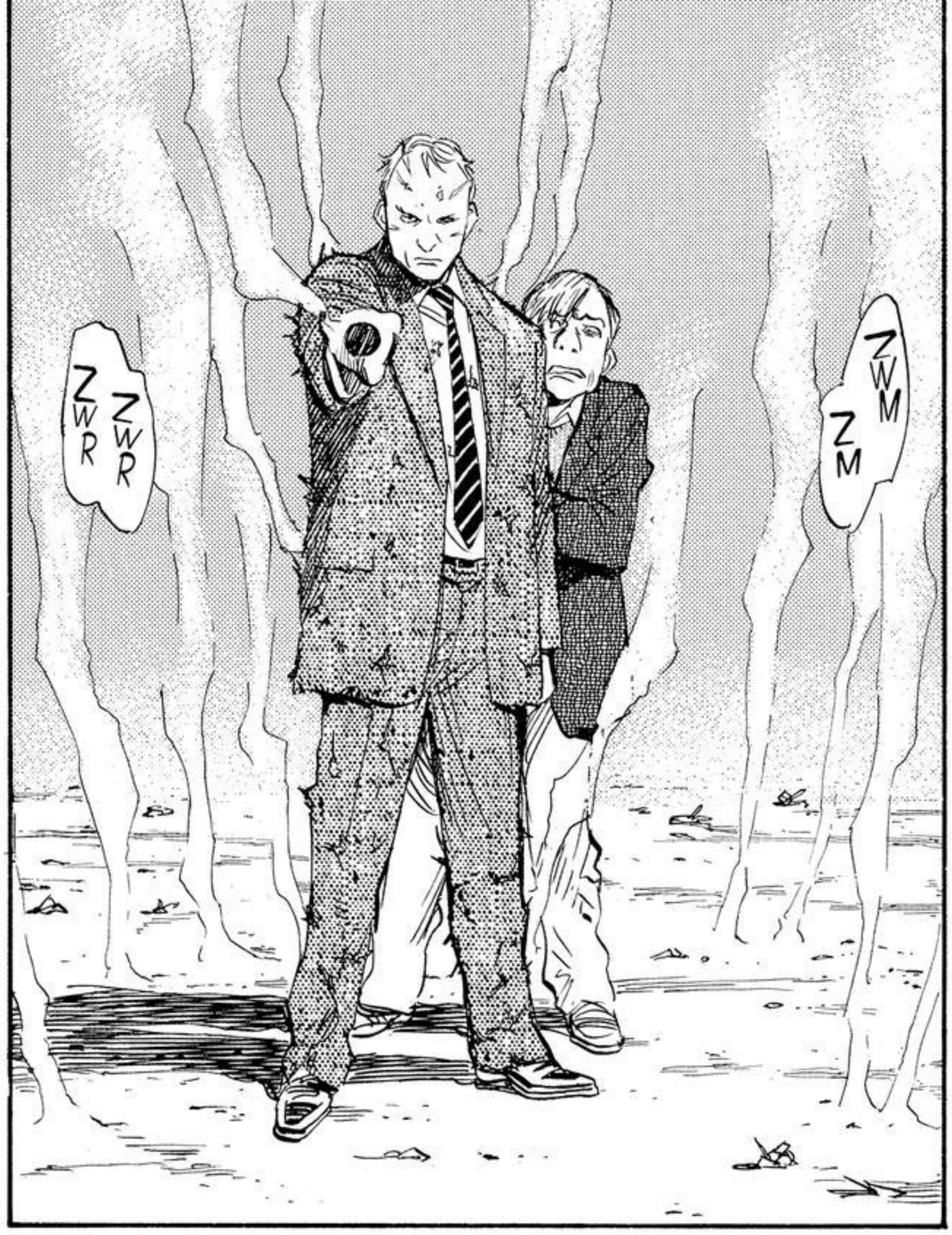

KISS YOUR ASSES *GOOD-BYE*!
TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE...

AND THAT ZERONIUM ALLOY'S NOT GONNA HELP YOU AT ALL!



ARGH!!
GET DOWN!!
KOOM

KR
ZWM
ZWM
ZWRR
NGHH!!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ZWR
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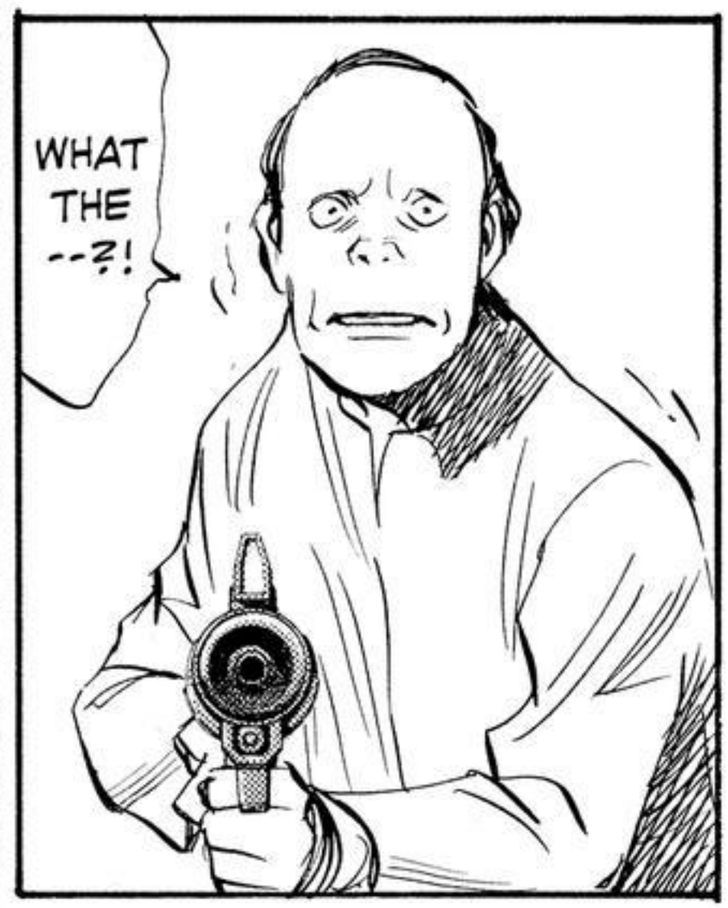
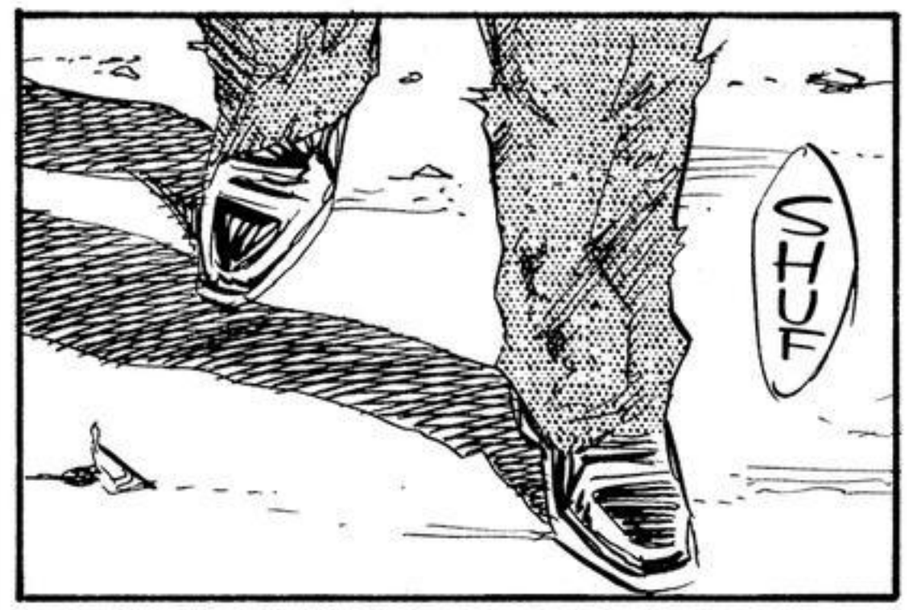
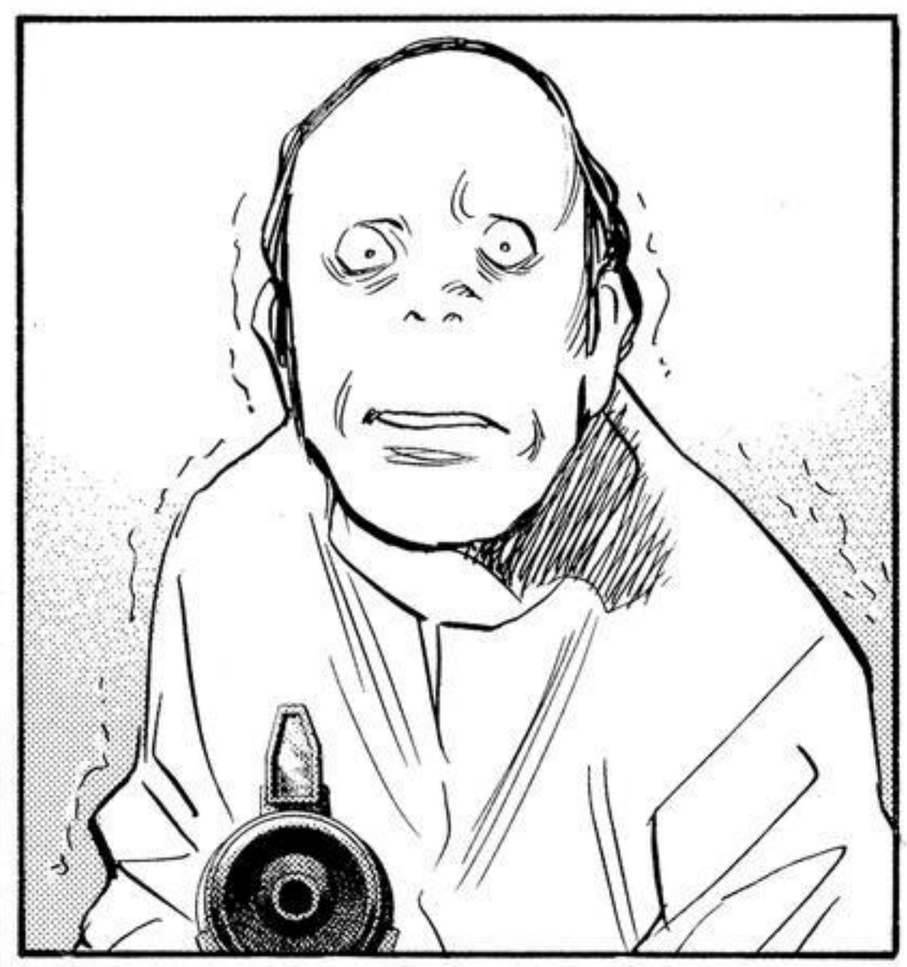
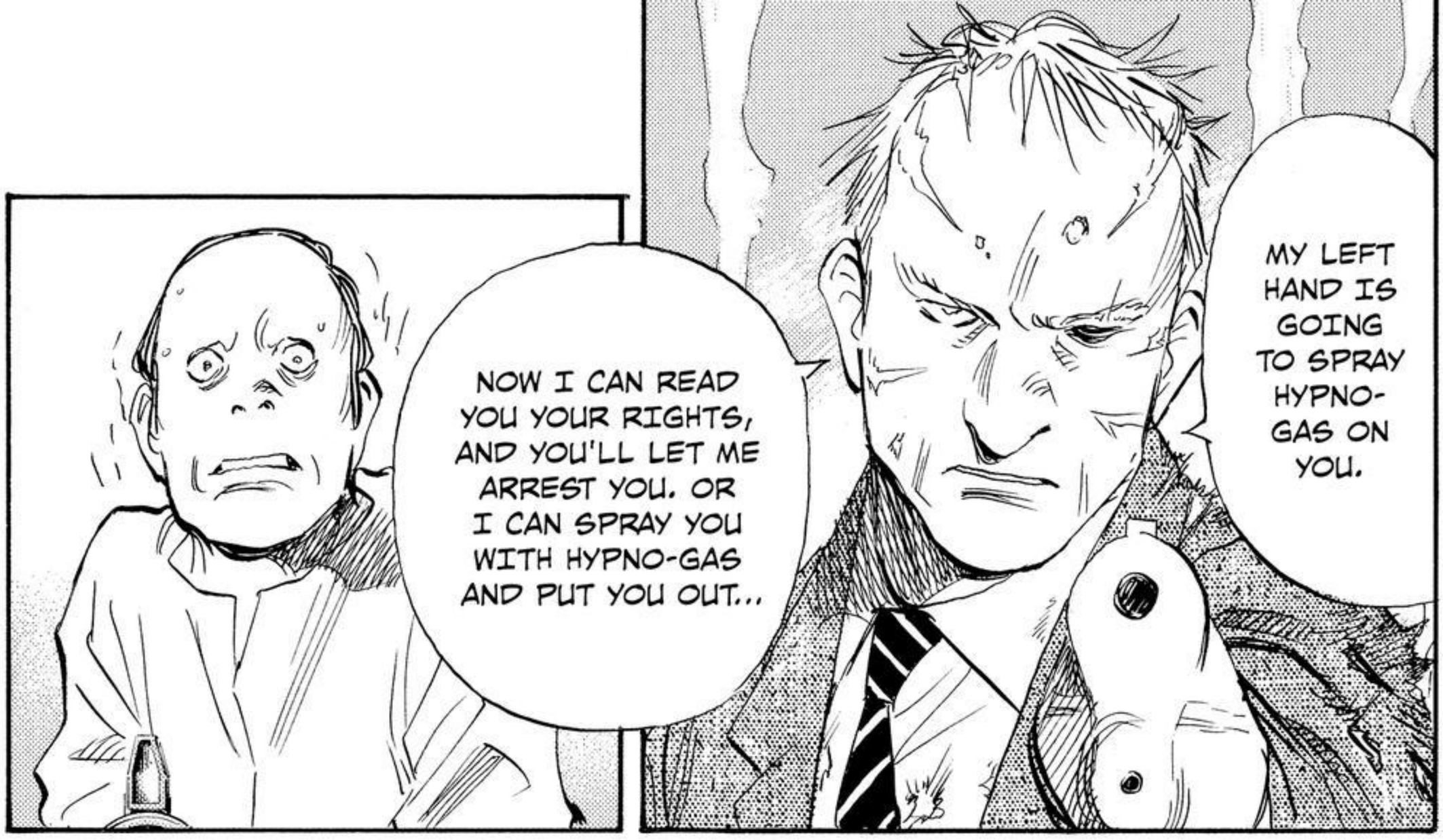
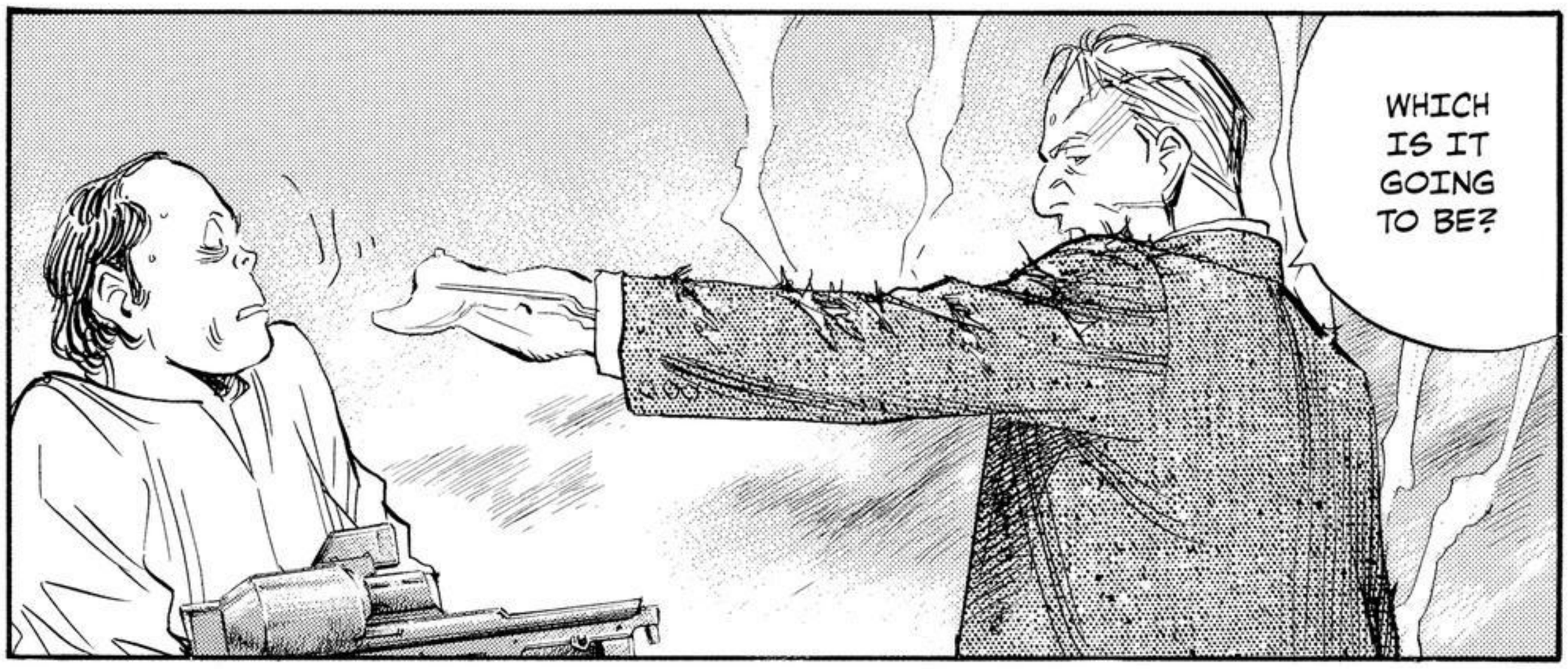

WHAT THE --?!

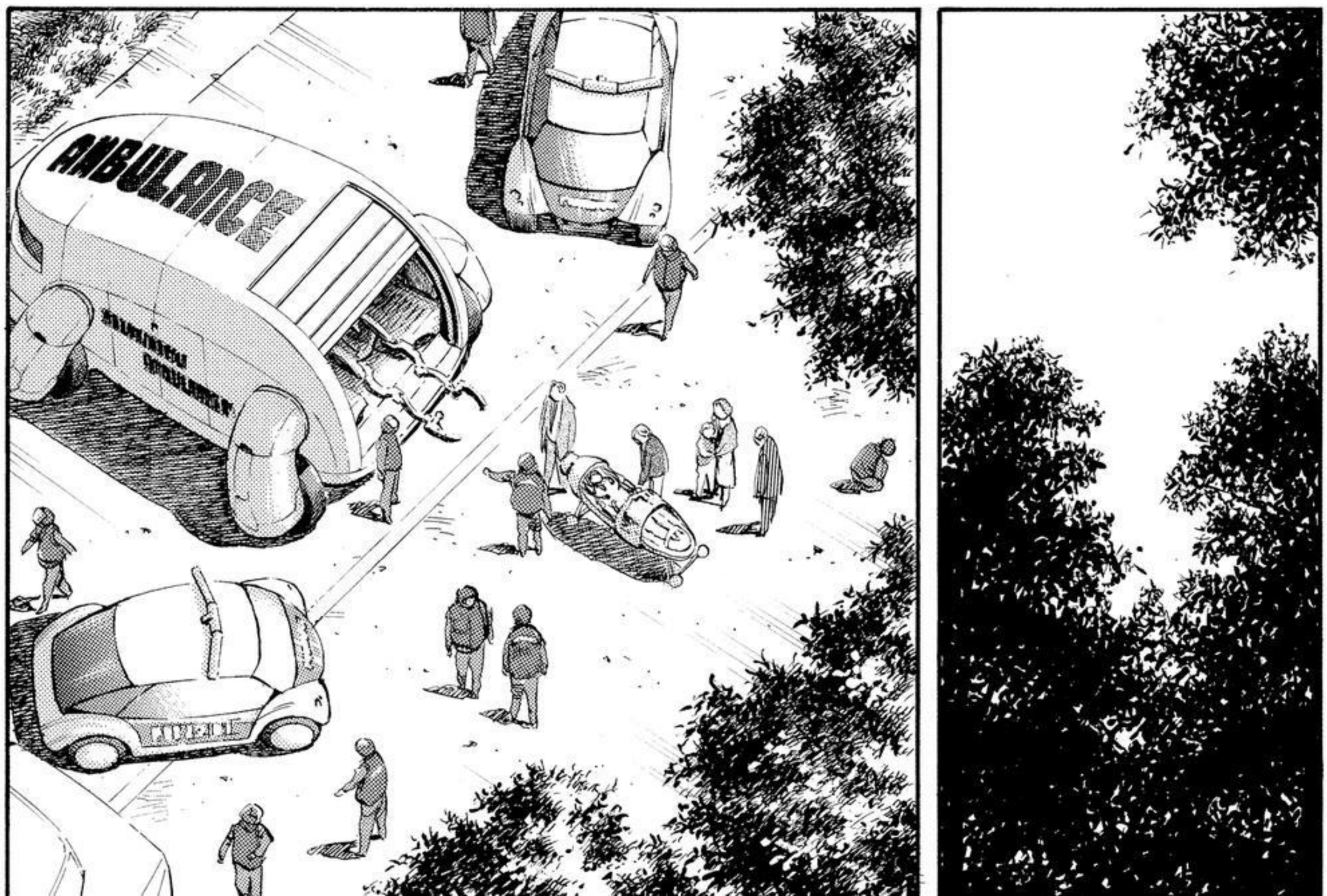
CHAK


SHUT




NOW I CAN READ YOU YOUR RIGHTS, AND YOU'LL LET ME ARREST YOU. OR I CAN SPRAY YOU WITH HYPNO-GAS AND PUT YOU OUT...
MY LEFT HAND IS GOING TO SPRAY HYPNO-GAS ON YOU.


WHICH IS IT GOING TO BE?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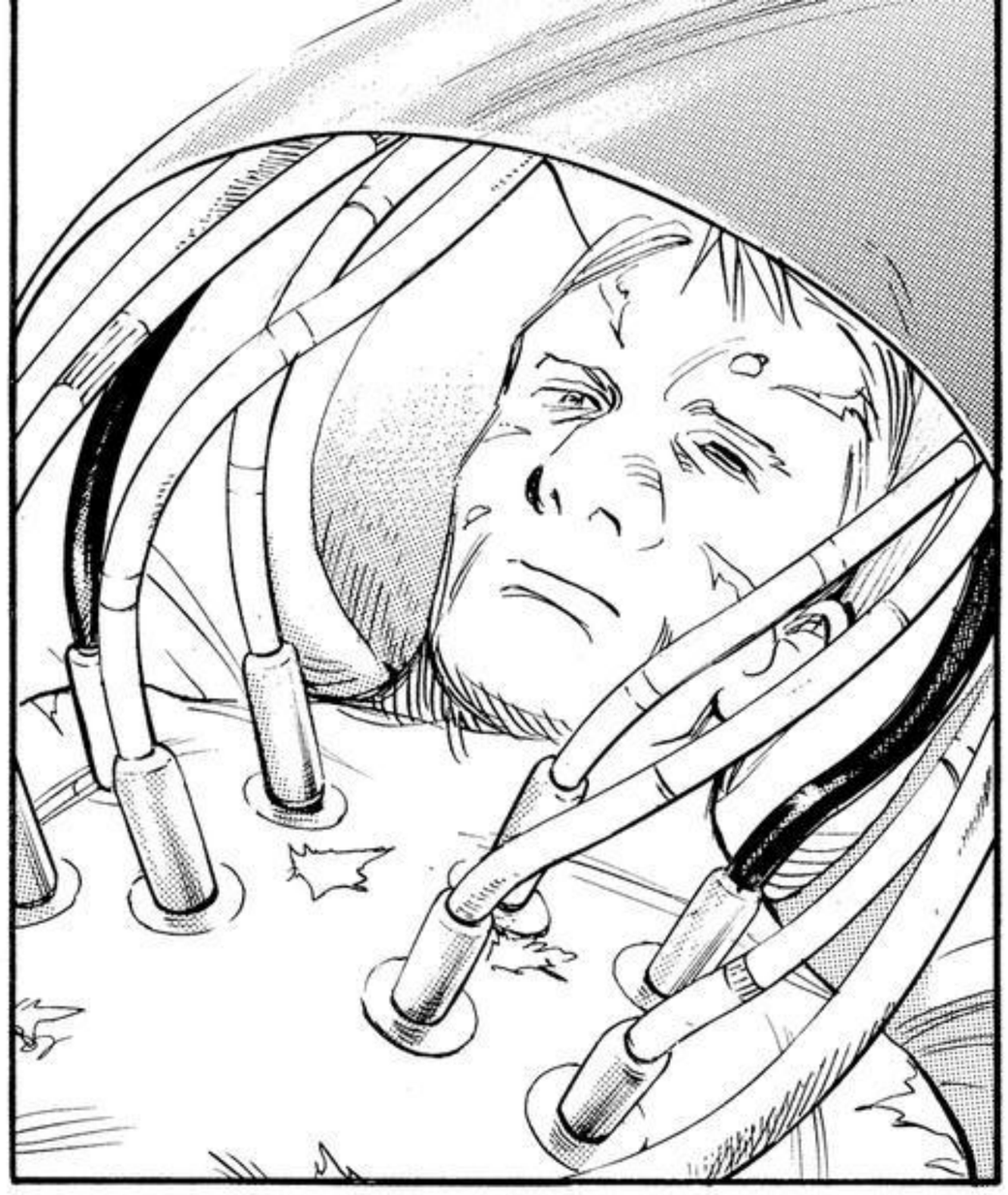
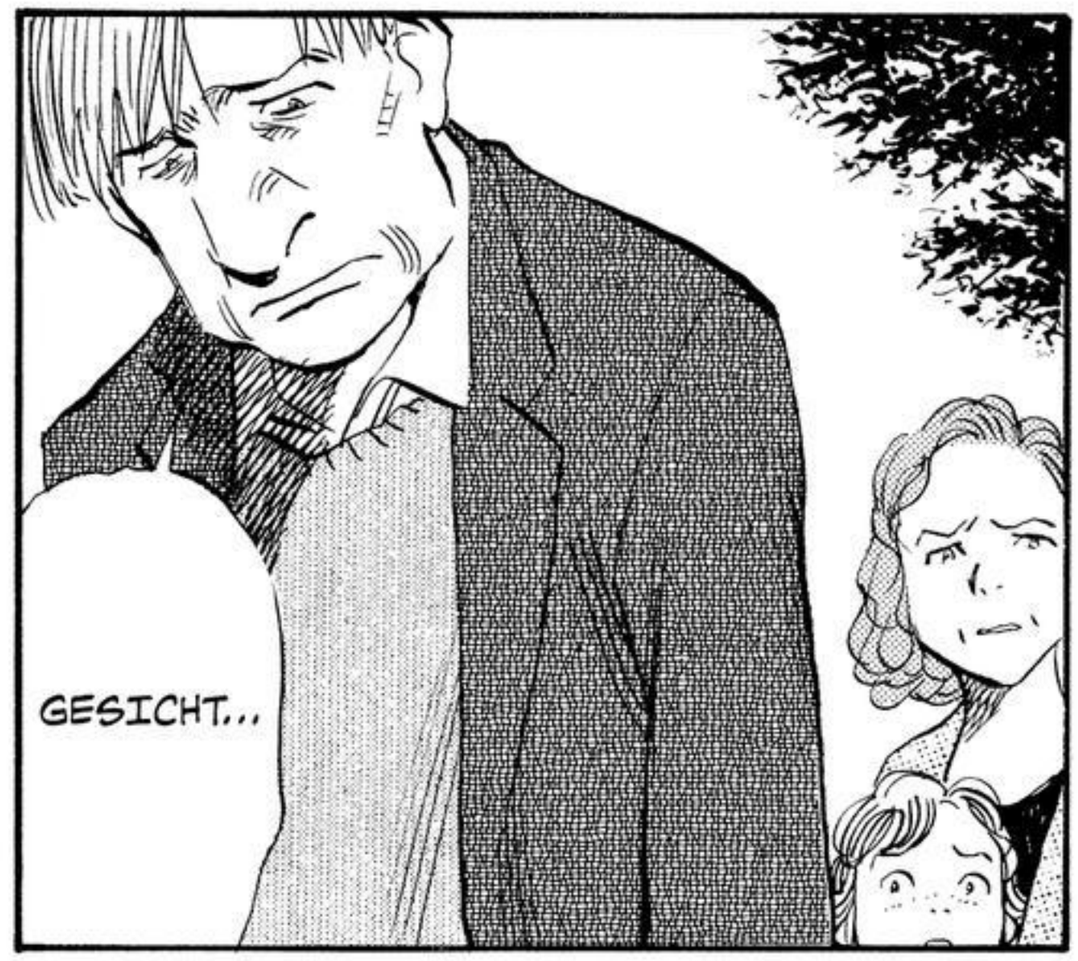
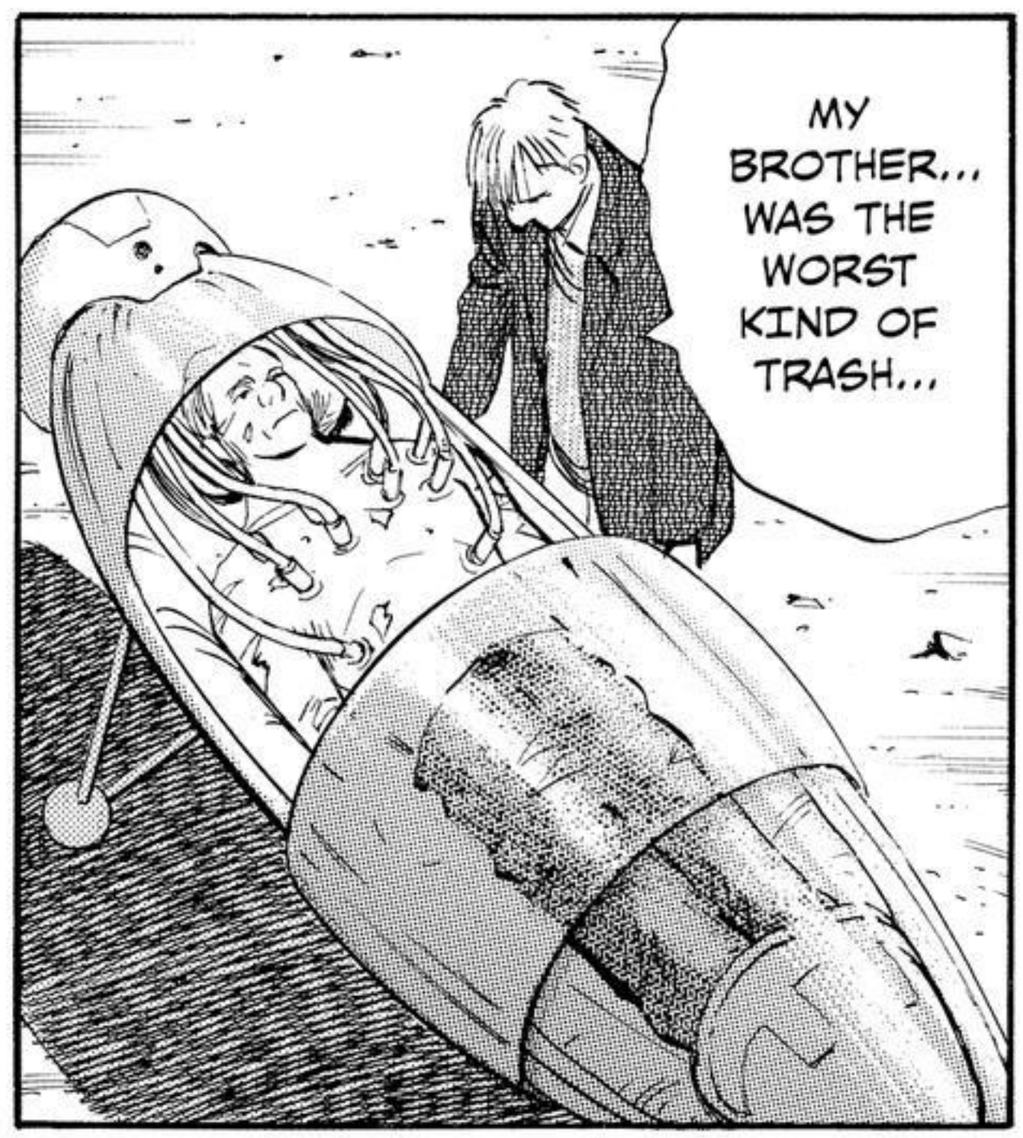
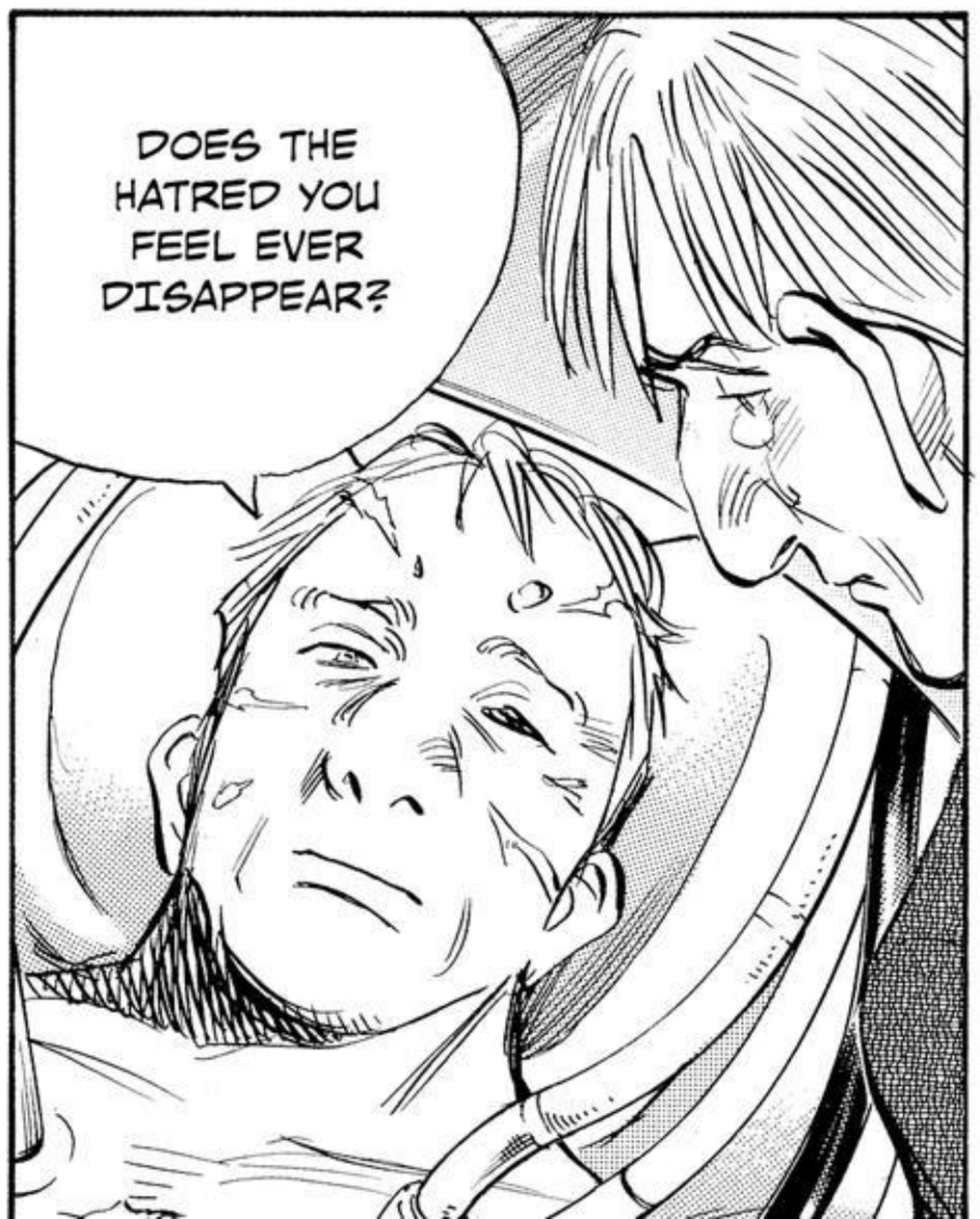



GESICHT...

BUT YOU SHIELDED ME WITH YOUR OWN BODY...
AND ME... I TRIED TO KILL YOU...


MY BROTHER... WAS THE WORST KIND OF TRASH...

IT WAS MY DUTY...


DOES THE HATRED YOU FEEL EVER DISAPPEAR?

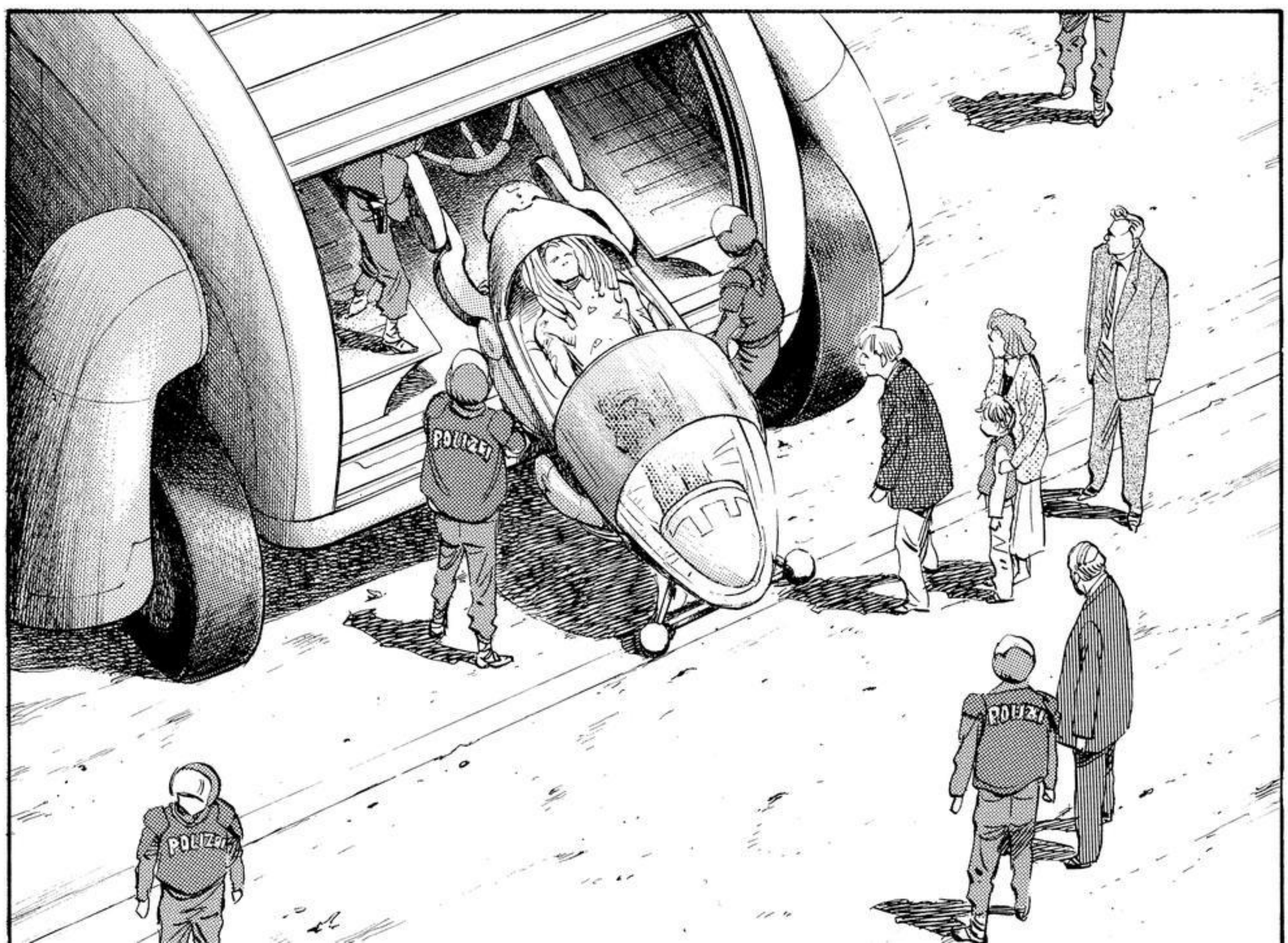
GESICHT...

THERE'S ONE THING I WANT TO ASK YOU, MR. HAAS...

WHAT I HAVE ALWAYS FEARED THE MOST...

OR IS IT SOMETHING THAT NEVER GOES AWAY... NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY TO ERASE IT?

BECAUSE I, TOO, HAVE HATRED INSIDE ME...
...IS MYSELF.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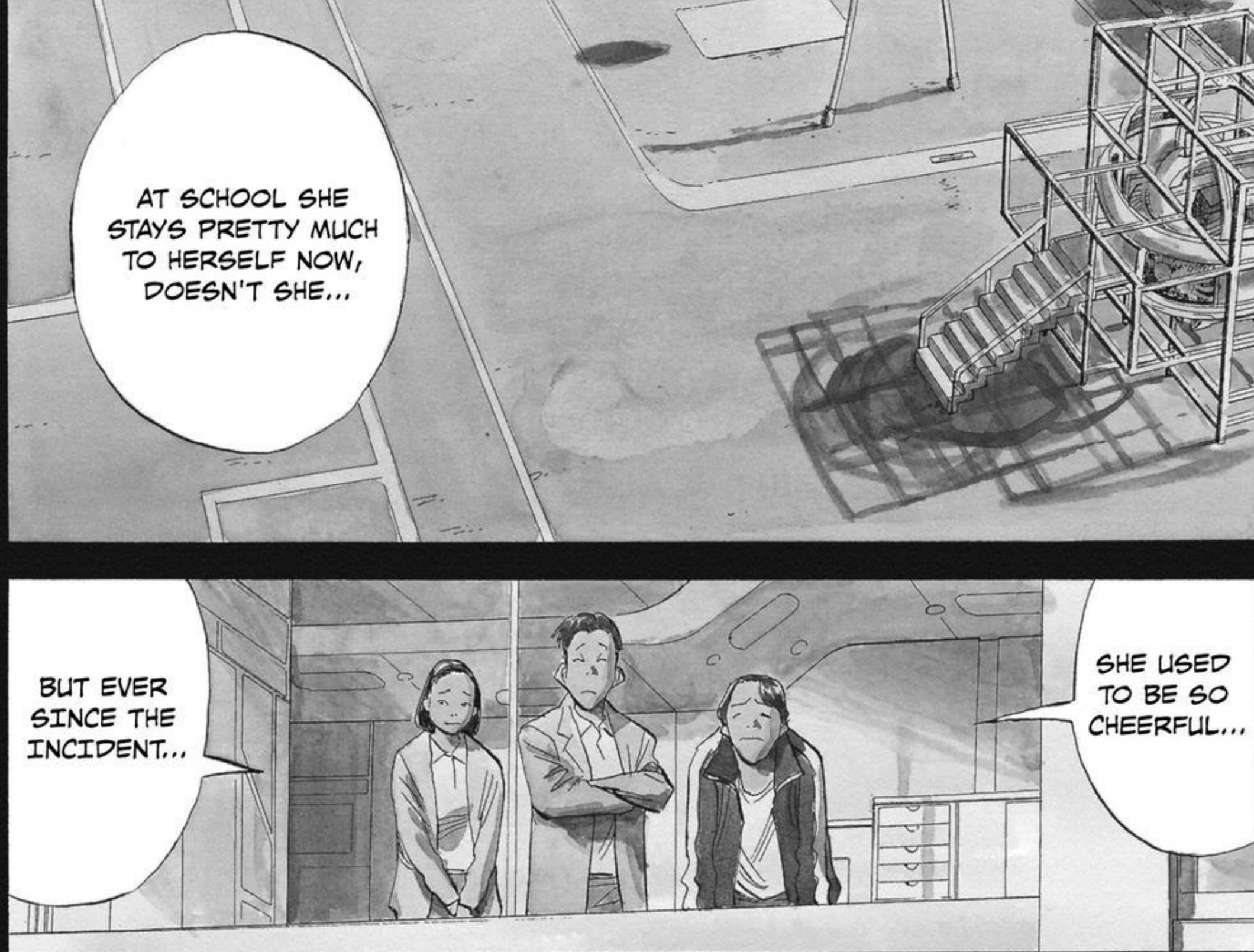
AT SCHOOL SHE STAYS PRETTY MUCH TO HERSELF NOW, DOESN'T SHE...



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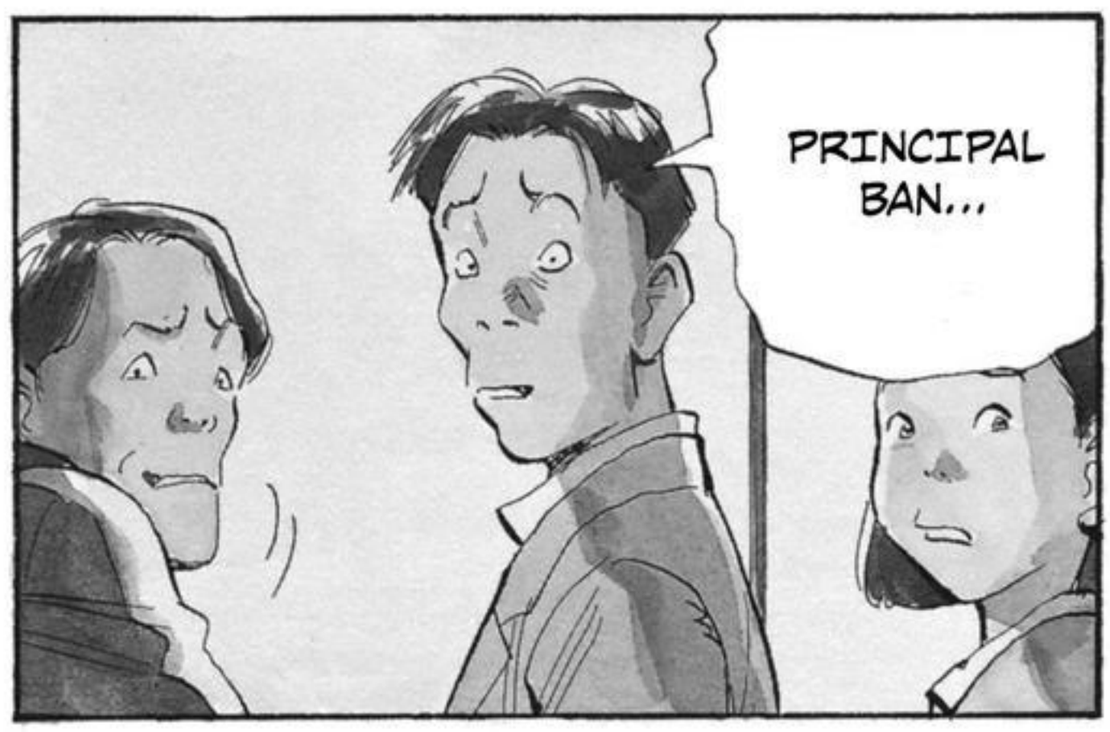
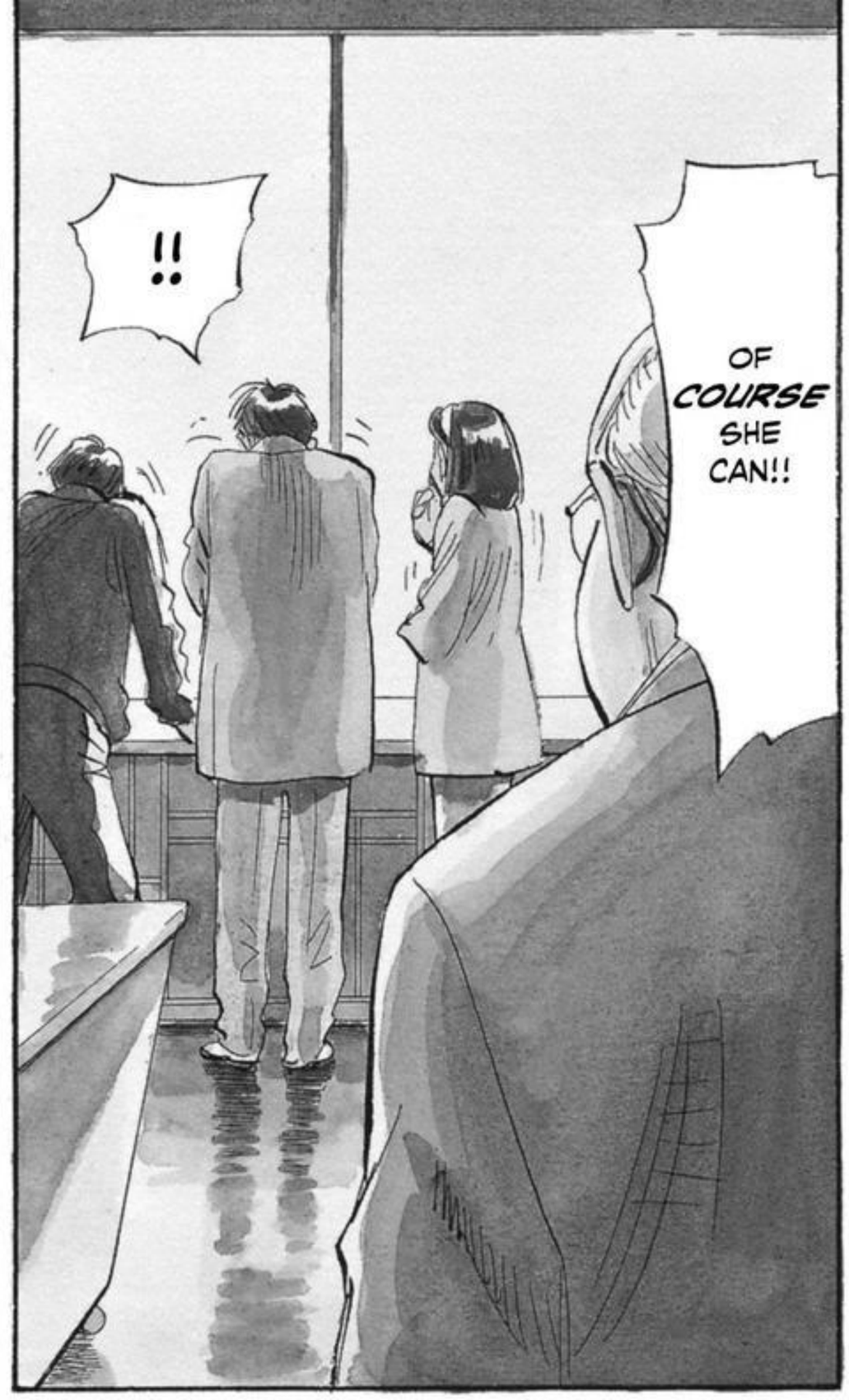
SAD VISITOR

THEY CRY THE SAME TEARS.
ROBOTS CAN FEEL SORROW, JUST LIKE HUMANS DO.


PRINCIPAL BAN...


!!
OF COURSE SHE CAN!!

WHAT THE HELL HAS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY GOT TO DO WITH THE HEART, ANYWAY...?

EVEN AN OLD-STYLE ROBOT LIKE ME...

...FEELS SADNESS.

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SIR.

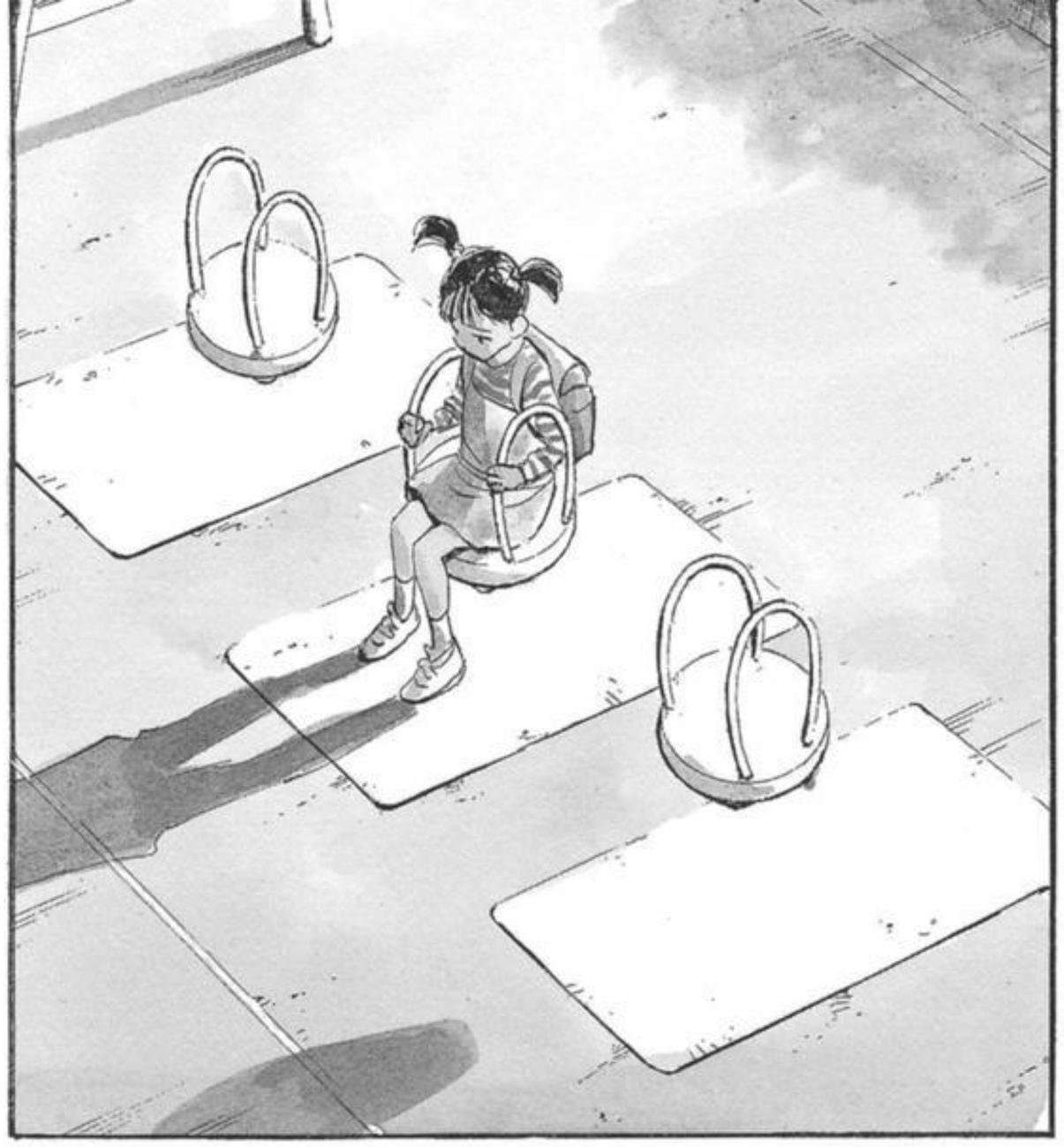
...IS WHAT WE AS EDUCATORS CAN DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS...

THE ISSUE, HOW-EVER...

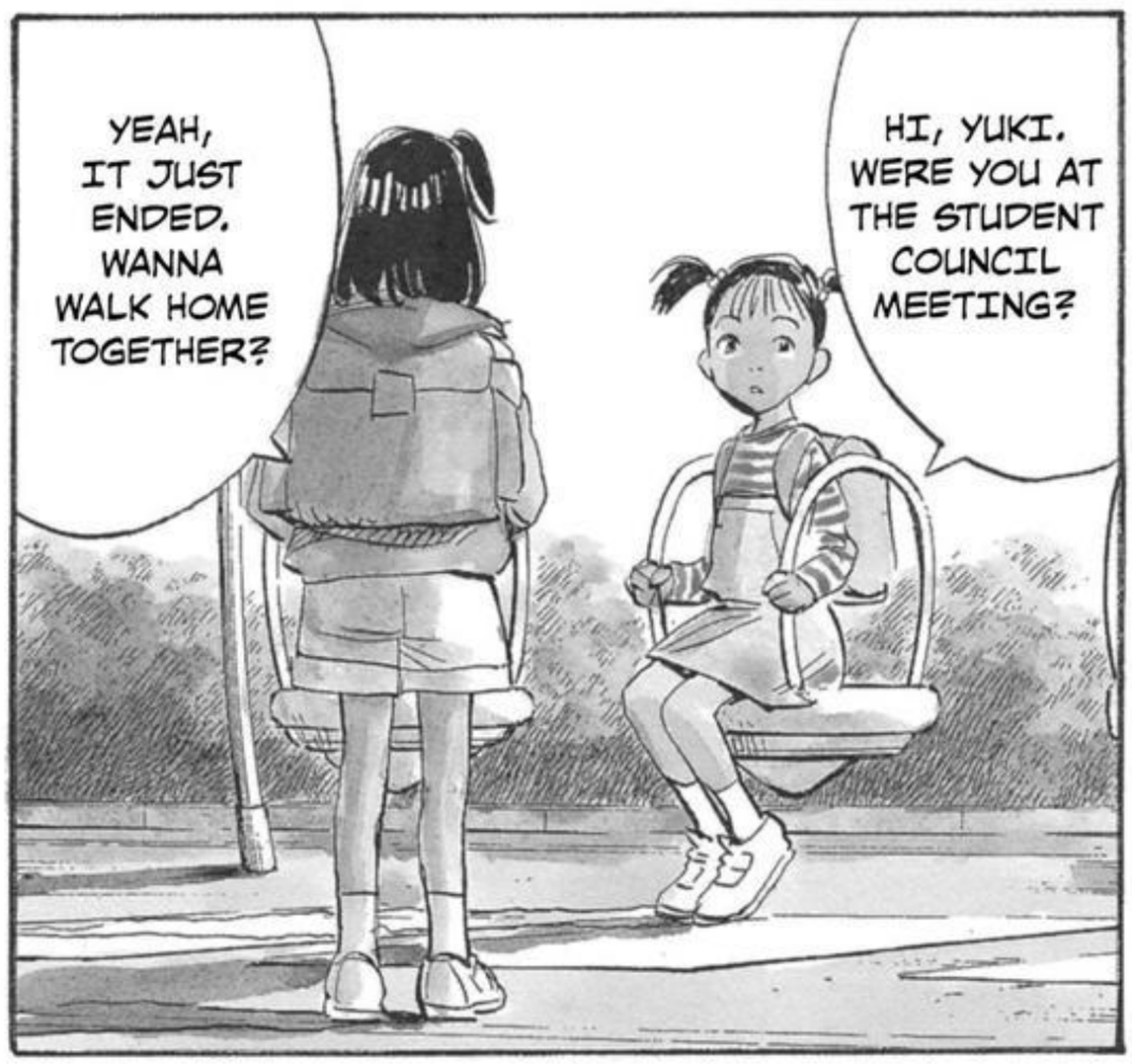
AH, MR. SAKA-MOTO...

JUST REMEMBER, URAN, YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN YOUR GRIEF.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE HER FROM HER SORROW...

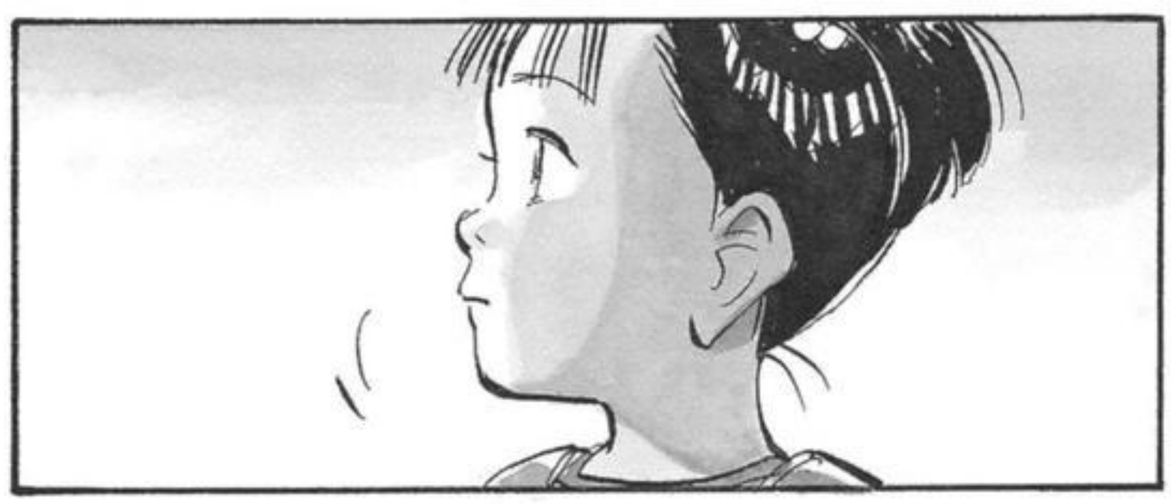


WE ALL LOST ATOM...

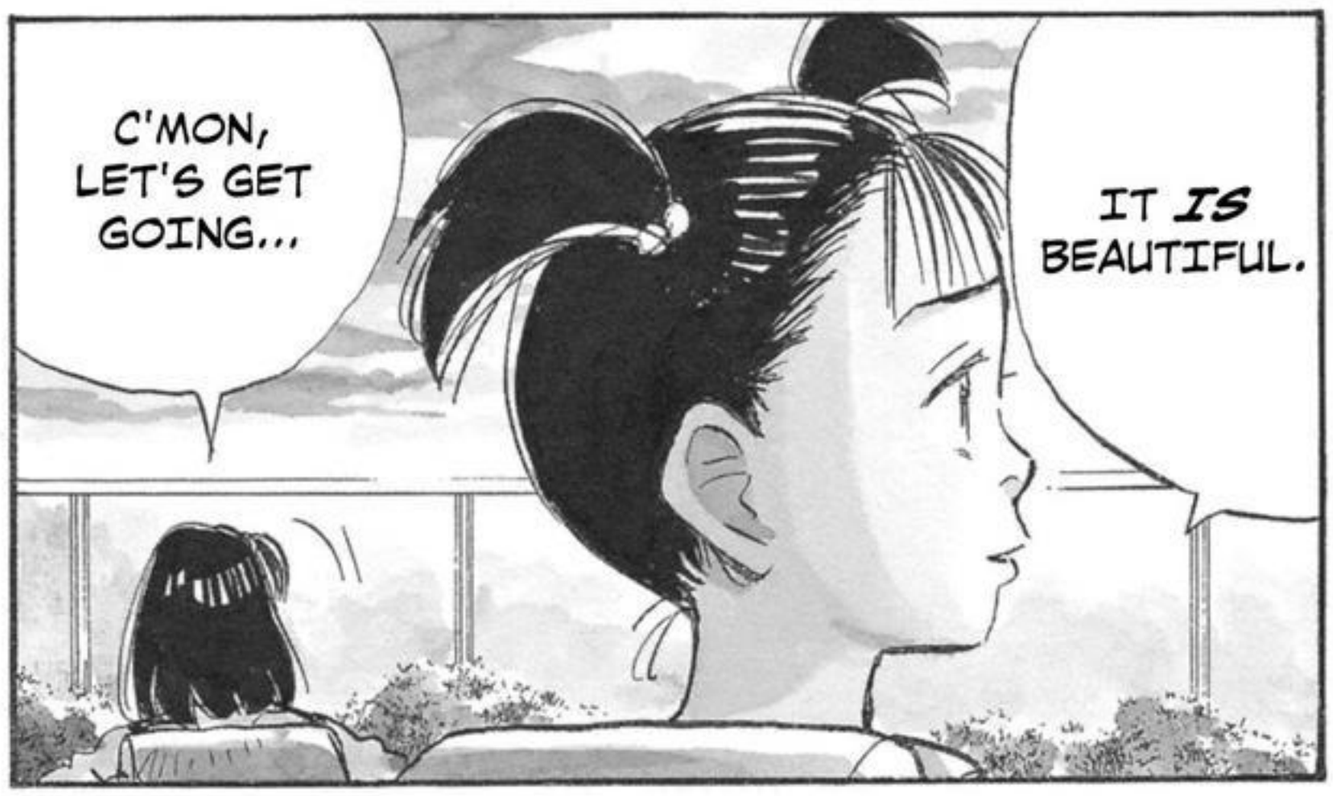

YEAH, IT JUST ENDED. WANNA WALK HOME TOGETHER?
HI, YUKI. WERE YOU AT THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING?

HI, URAN...
YOU'RE STILL HANGING AROUND...?

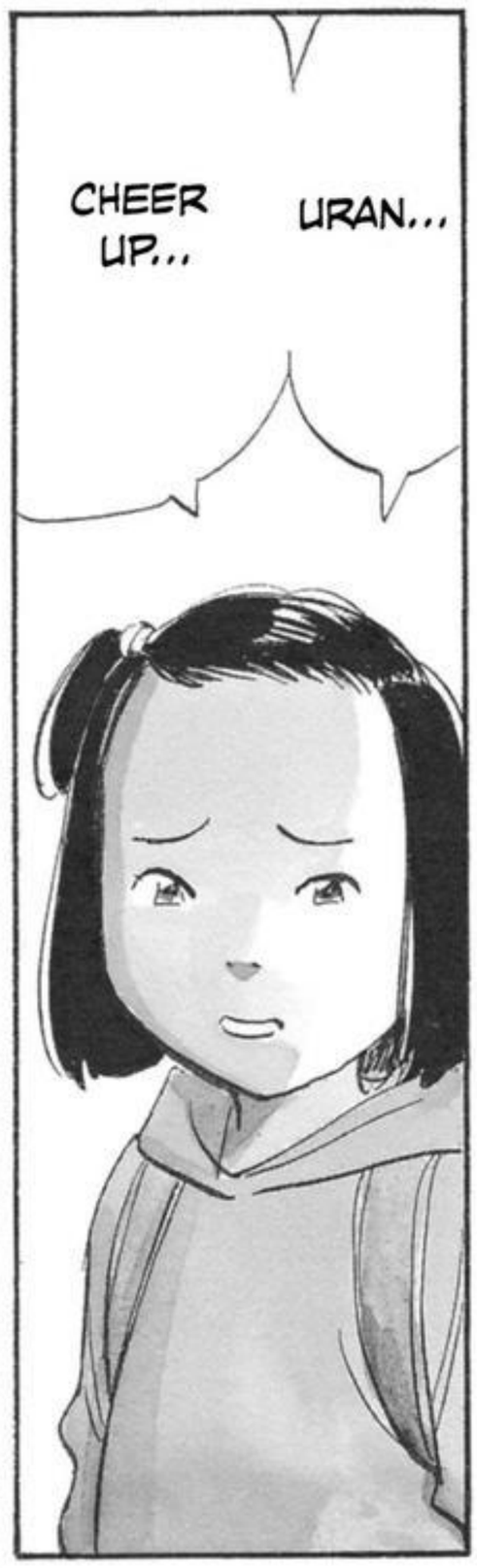
LOOK, URAN! LOOK HOW PRETTY THE SUNSET IS!

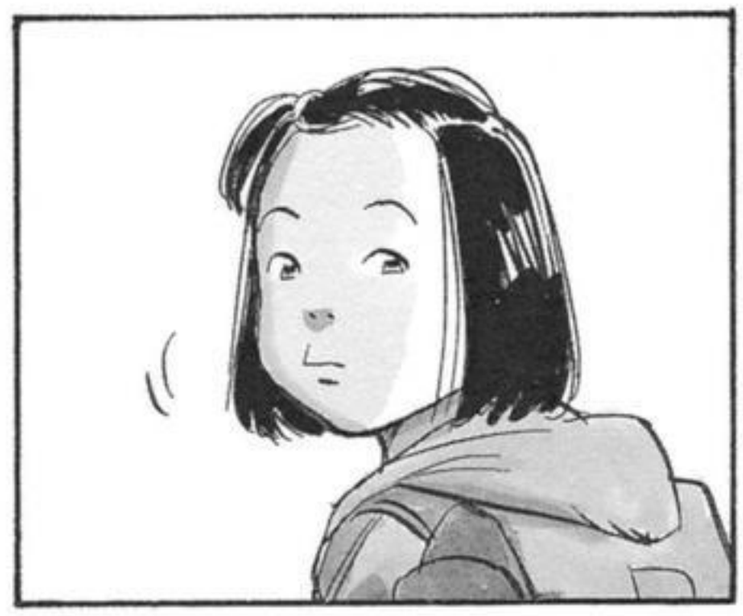


IT MUST BE HARD BEING IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL, HUH? YOU HAVE TO STAY SO LATE FOR MEETINGS AND STUFF...
YEAH, I'M STARVED!


C'MON, LET'S GET GOING...
IT *IS* BEAUTIFUL.

?
IT'S NOT THAT...


CHEER UP...
URAN...



HM?
I *FEEL* SOME-THING...

SORRY, YUKI! I'VE GOTTA GO FIND IT ...
WAIT, URAN!!

SOMETHING OUT THERE'S FEELING EVEN SADDER THAN ME...

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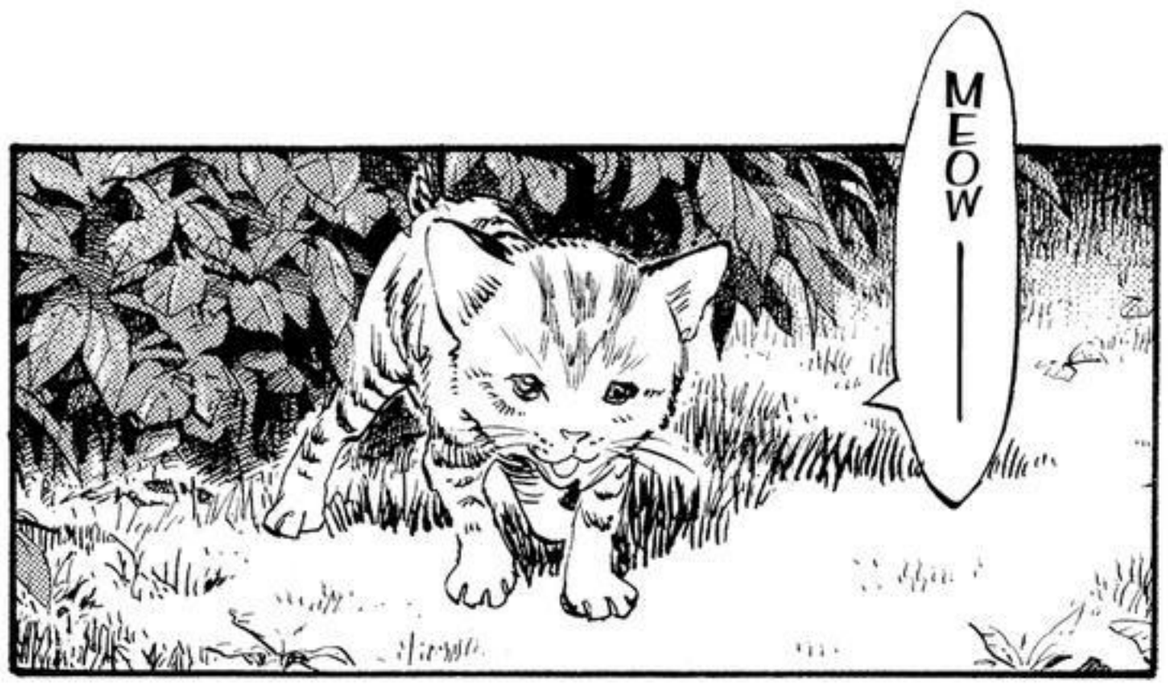
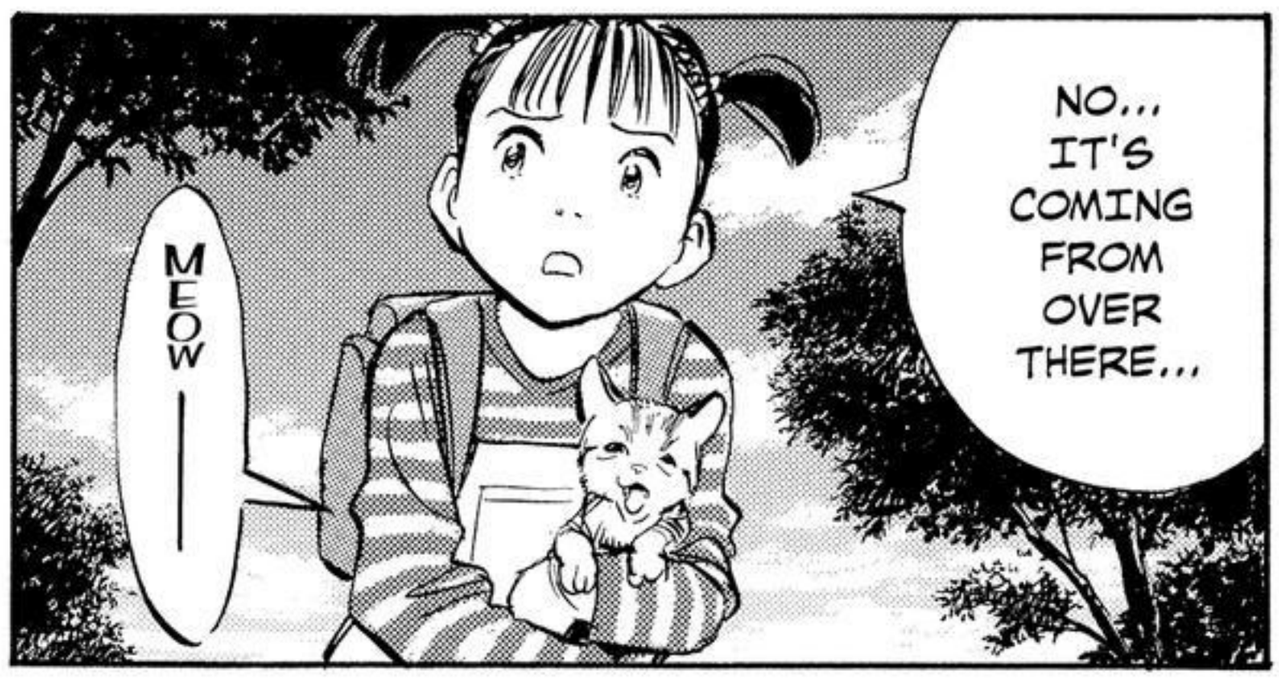
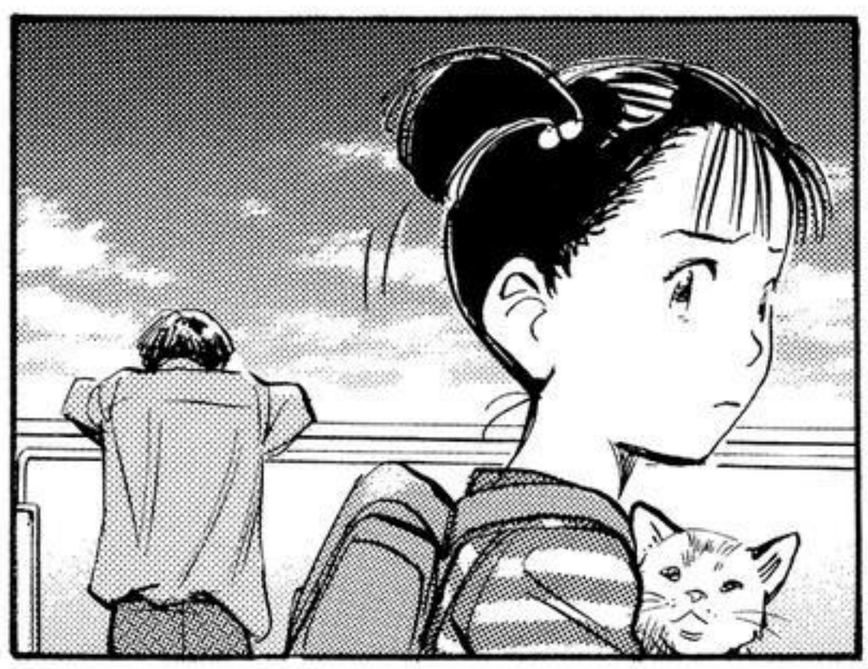
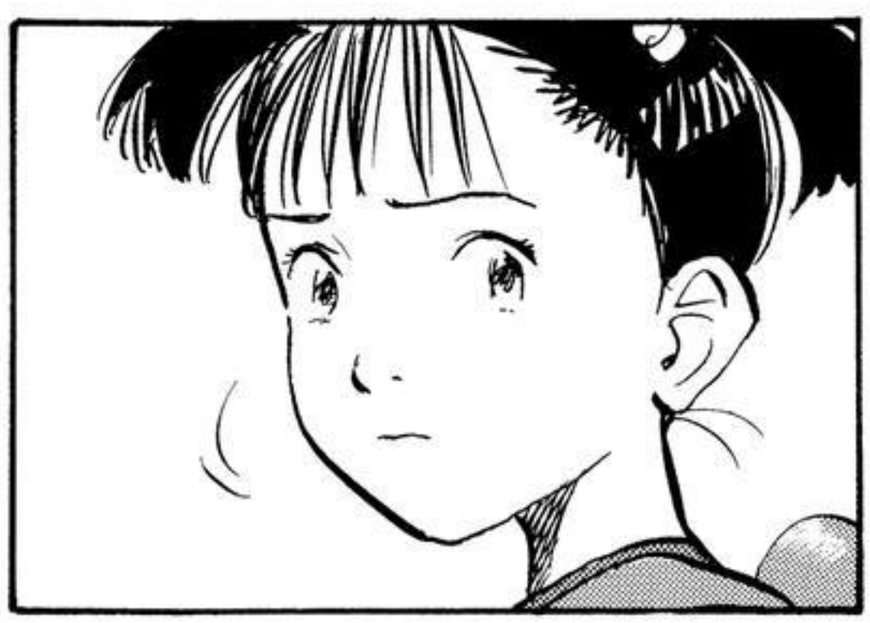

MEOW—

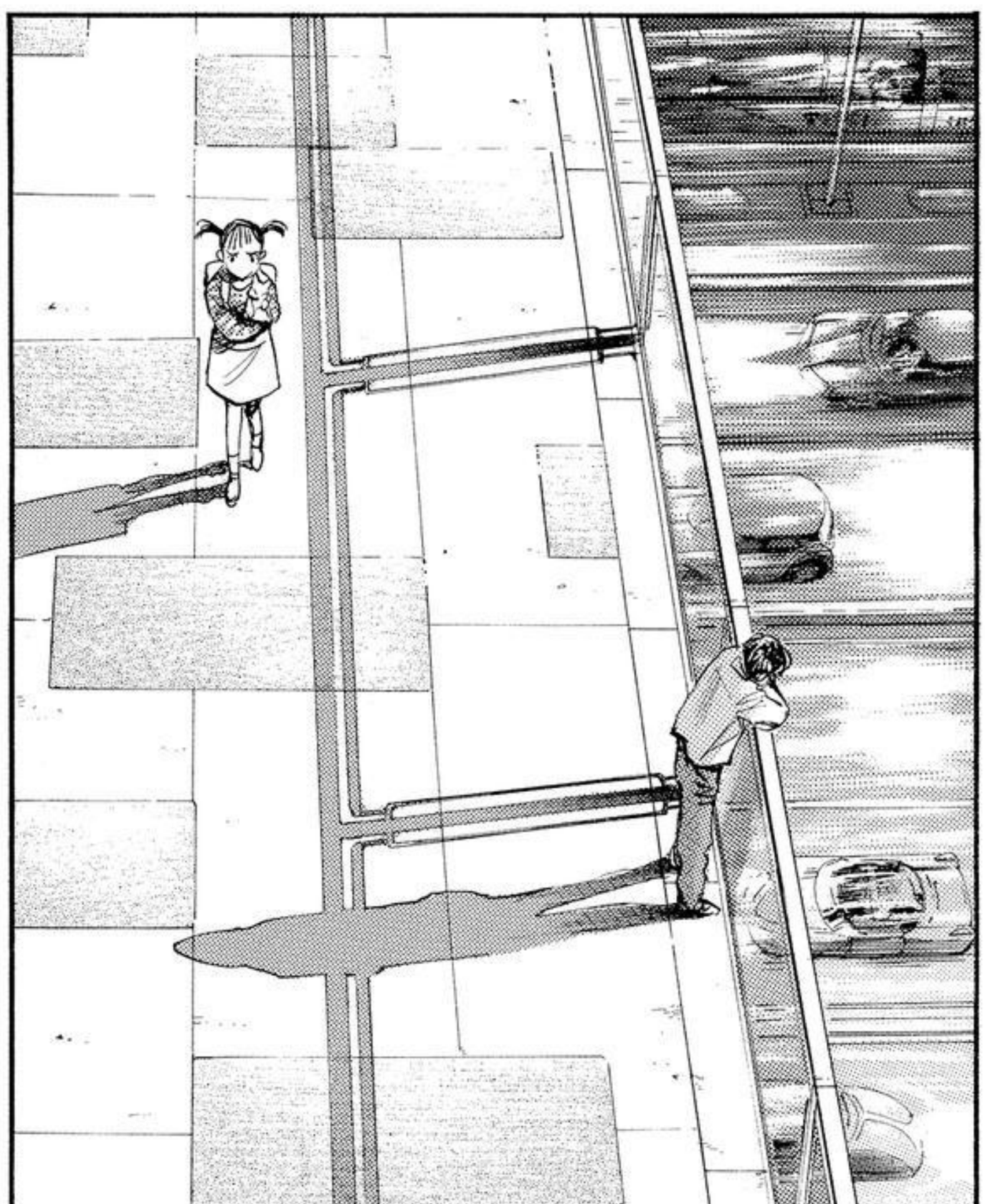
MEOW—
MEOW—

MEOW—
IS IT YOU THAT'S SO SAD, KITTY? WHERE'S YOUR MOMMA?


MEOW—
NO... IT'S COMING FROM OVER THERE...

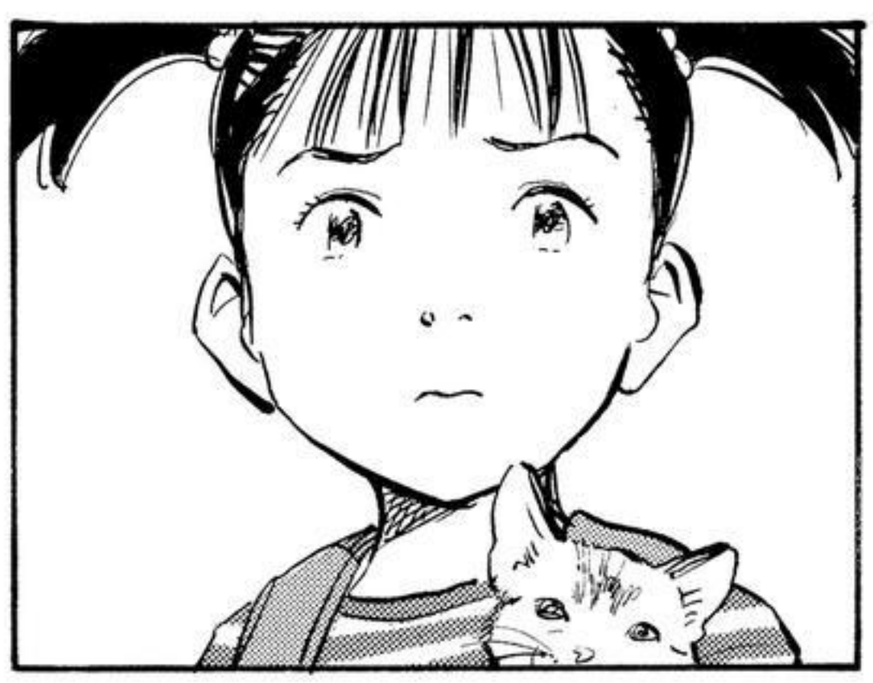






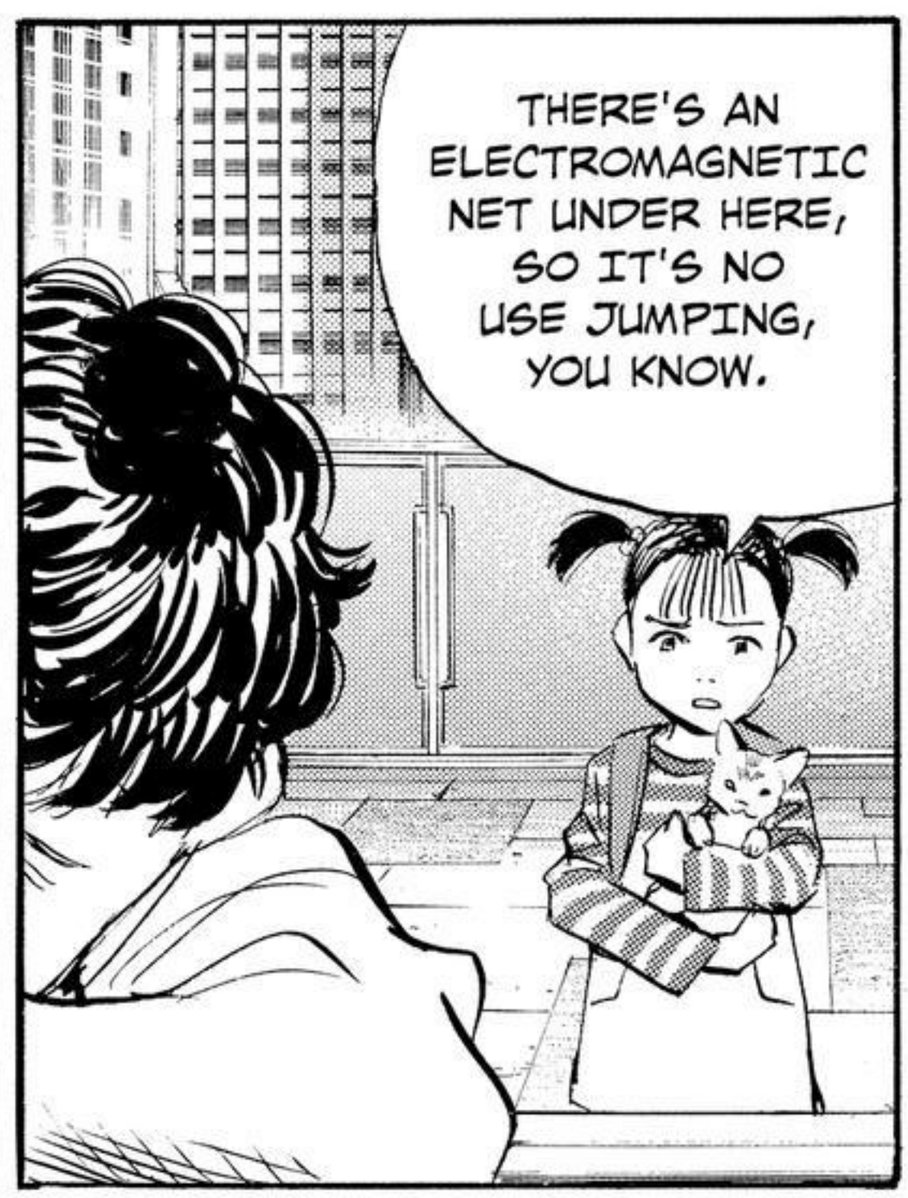
IS IT YOU?

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO'S SO SAD?



LEAVE ME ALONE...

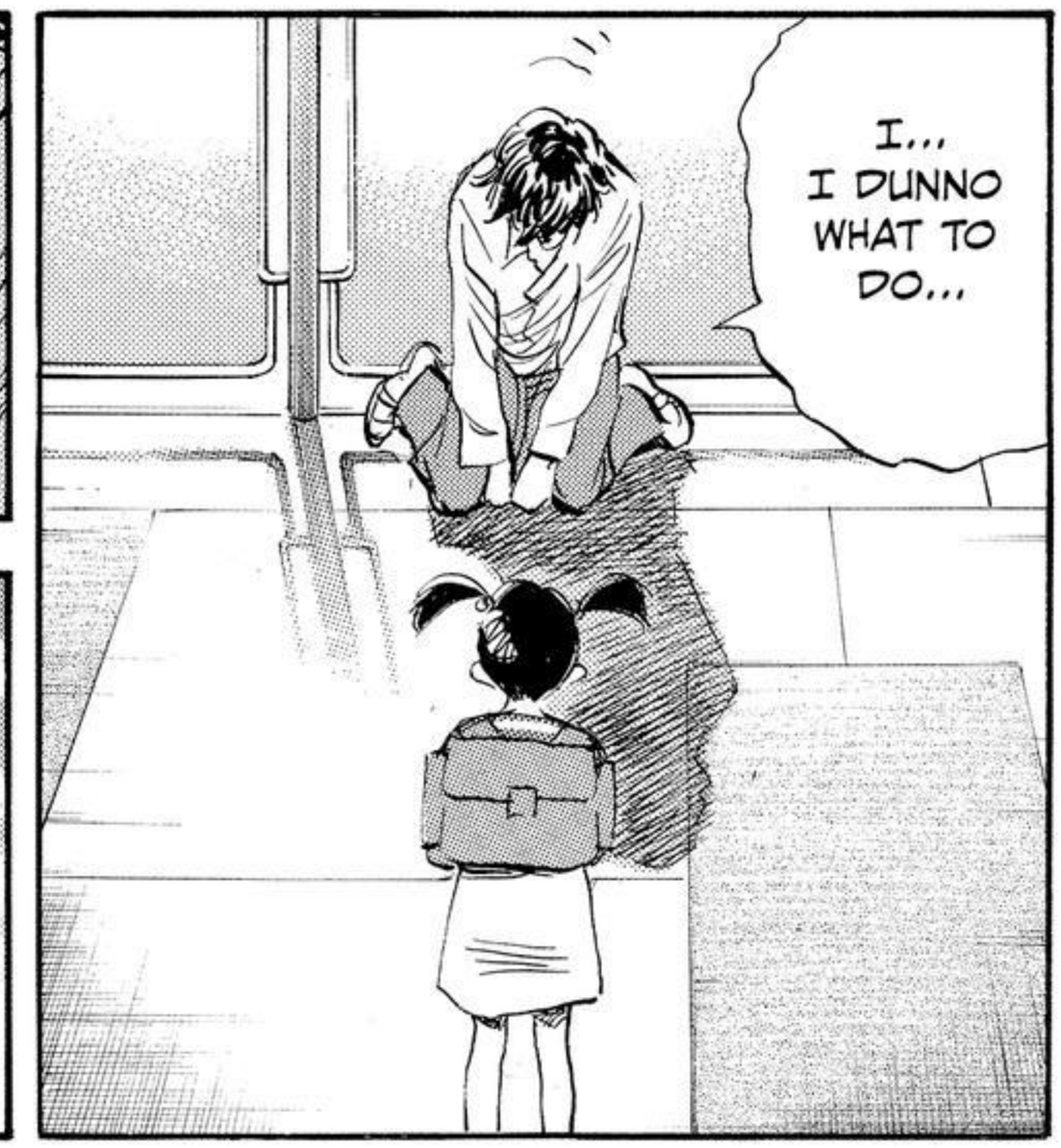
YEAH?

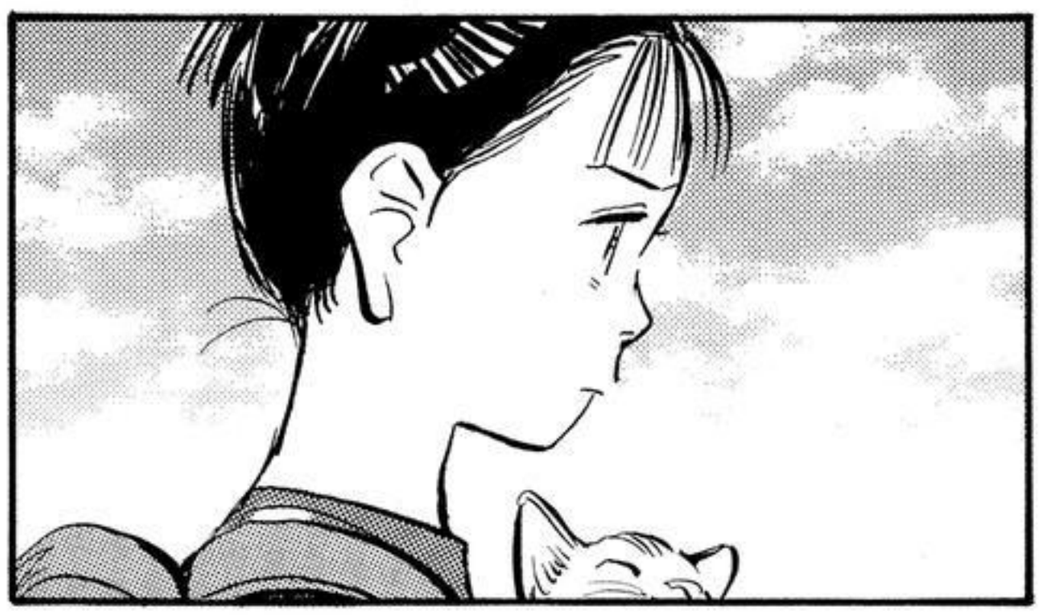

THERE'S AN ELECTROMAGNETIC NET UNDER HERE, SO IT'S NO USE JUMPING, YOU KNOW.

THEN WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!

THEY SAY THEY'LL KILL ME IF I DON'T GIVE 'EM MONEY! THEY SAY I'M DIRTY AND I STINK!!

EVERY DAY THOSE BULLIES PICK ON ME!!





BUT HE WAS KILLED.

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE...
I'M NOT PROGRAMMED TO THINK THAT WAY.

AND MY BROTHER NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT DYING EITHER...

IF I WERE HUMAN, I WONDER IF I'D FEEL LIKE DYING, JUST LIKE YOU...?
I'M FEELING REALLY, REALLY SAD NOW TOO.

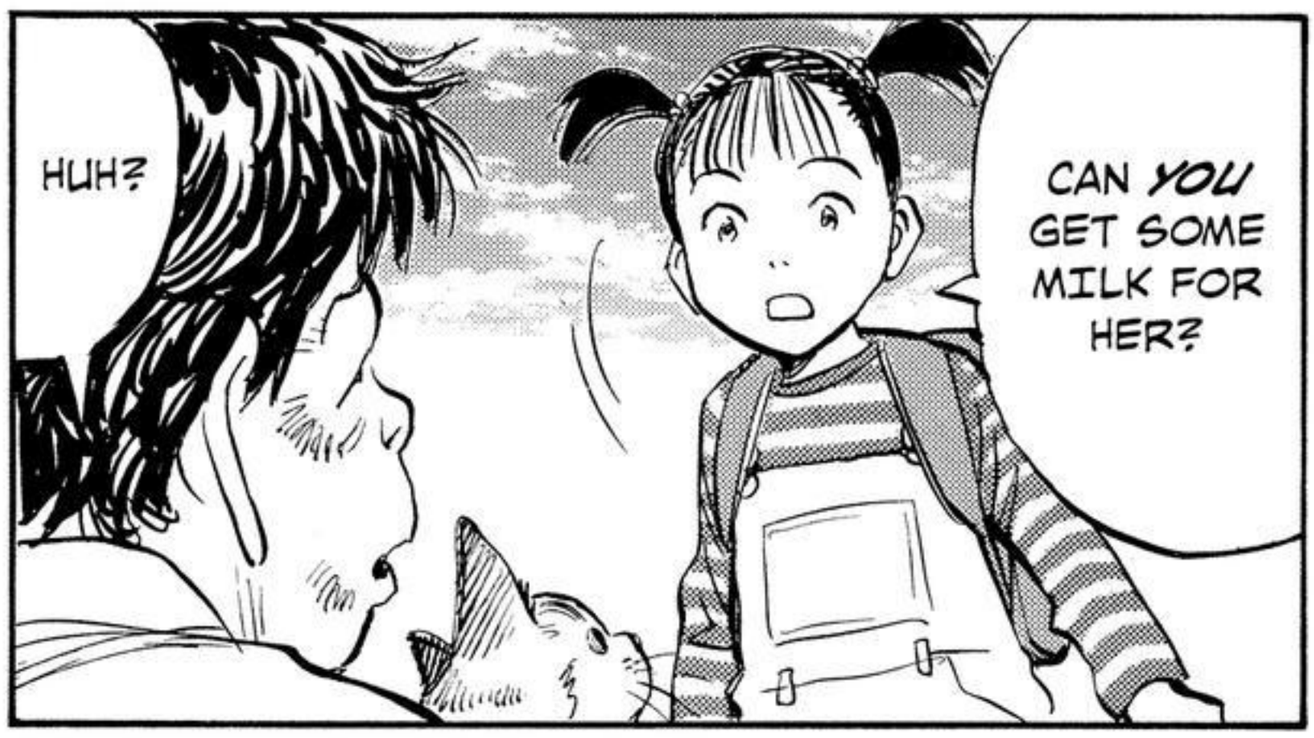
...

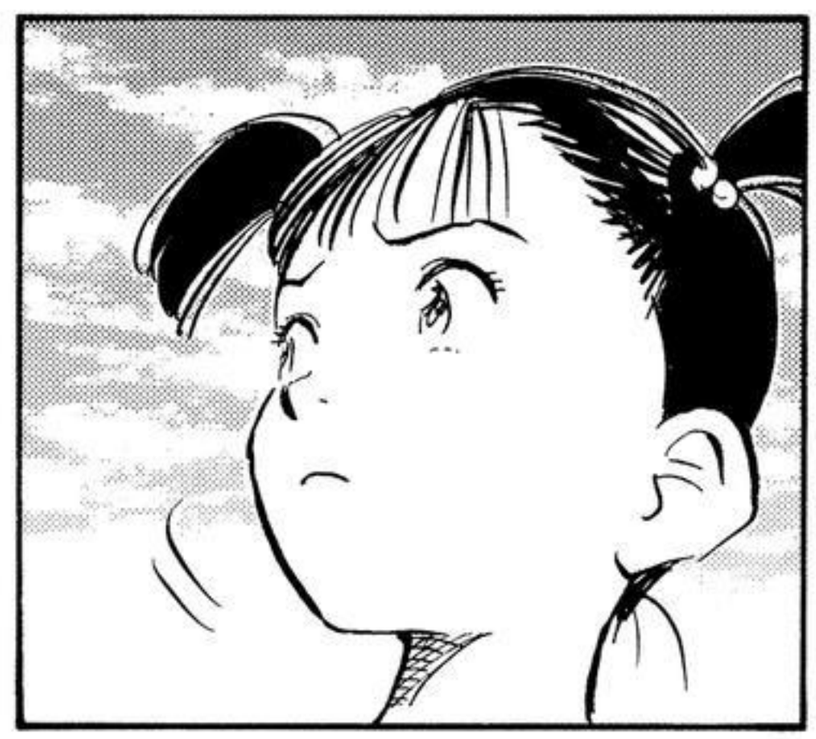
...OR MAYBE SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT.
SHE JUST THINKS ABOUT GETTING SOME MILK...
MEOW——

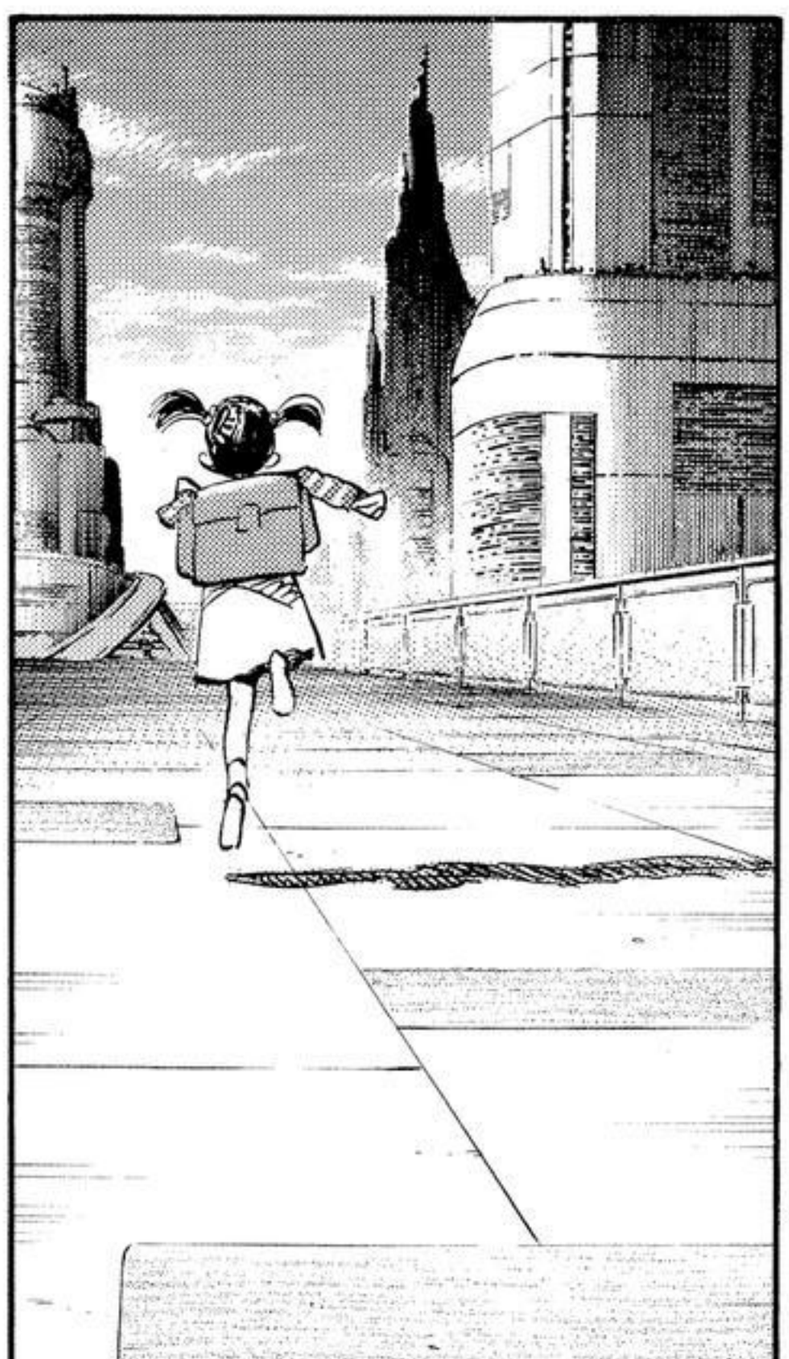
BUT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO DIE.
THIS KITTEN WAS SAD TOO...

HEH, HEH... SHE'S CUTE...
SHE'S TREMBLING... BETTER GET HER SOME MILK FAST...
MEOW——

WAS SHE ABANDONED?
YEAH. I FOUND HER CRYING IN THE PARK.


CAN *YOU* GET SOME MILK FOR HER?
HUH?

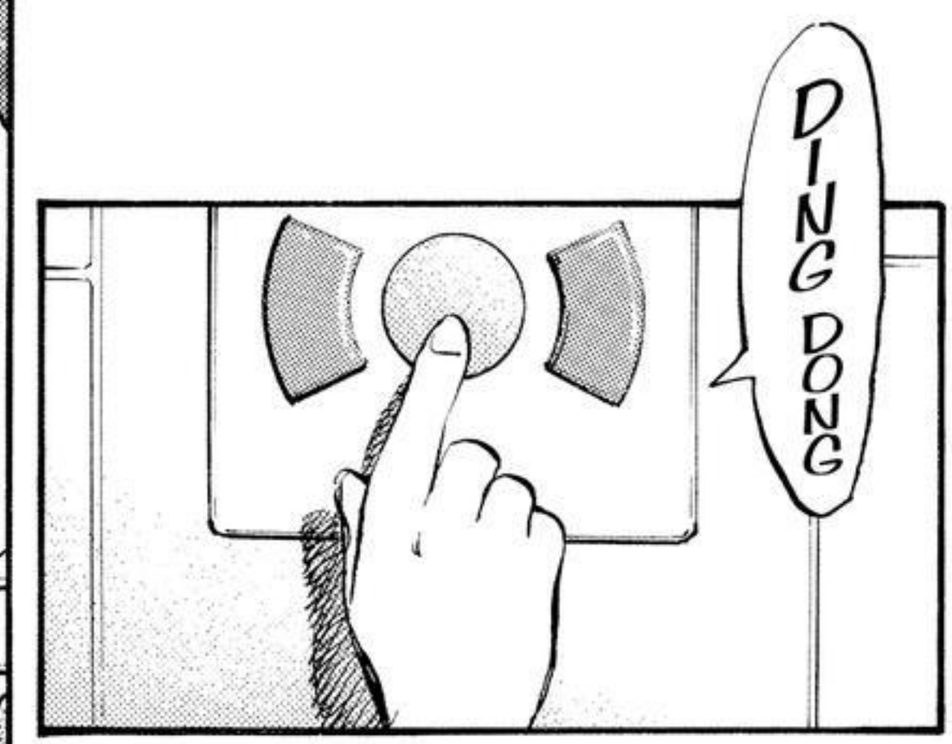




WAIT!
HEY...

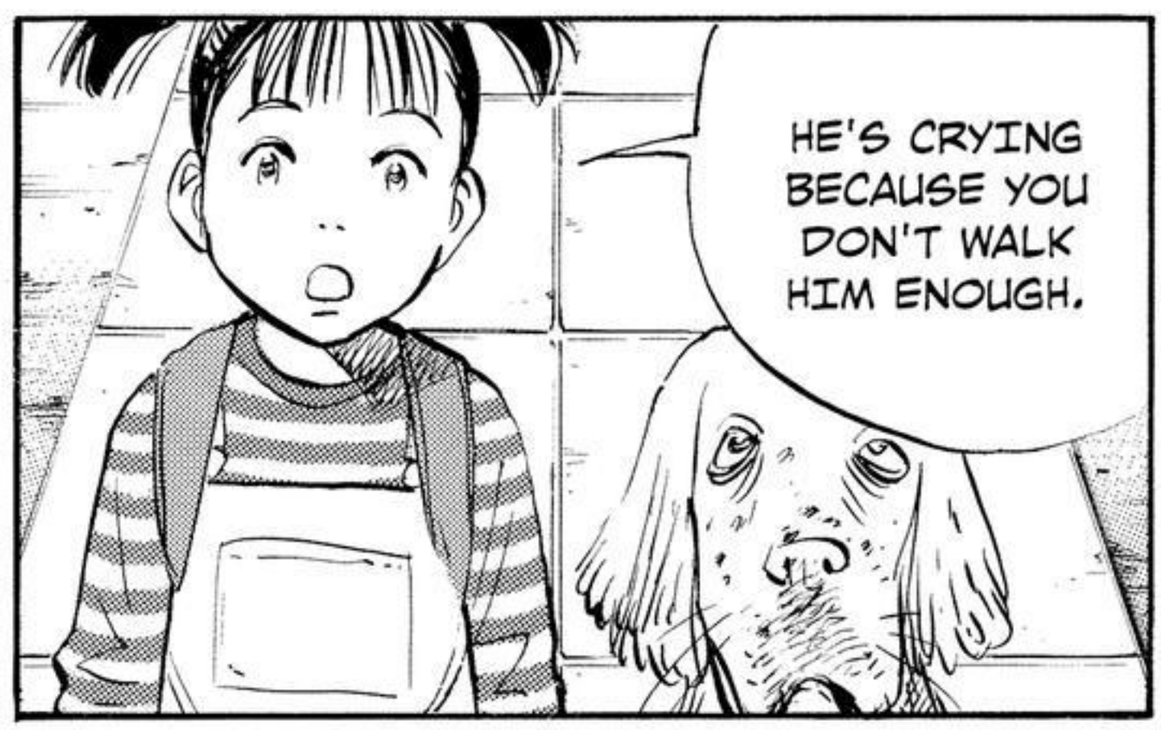
I GOTTA GO! I THINK THERE'S SOMEONE EVEN SADDER OVER THERE!!

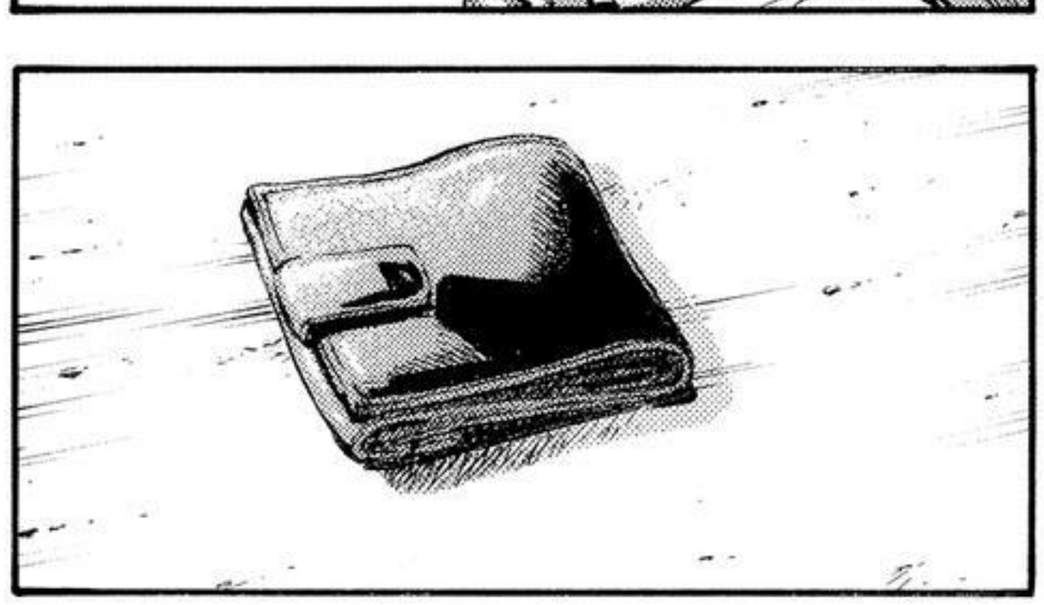
THIS IS YOUR DOG, RIGHT?
YEAH, SO WHAT?

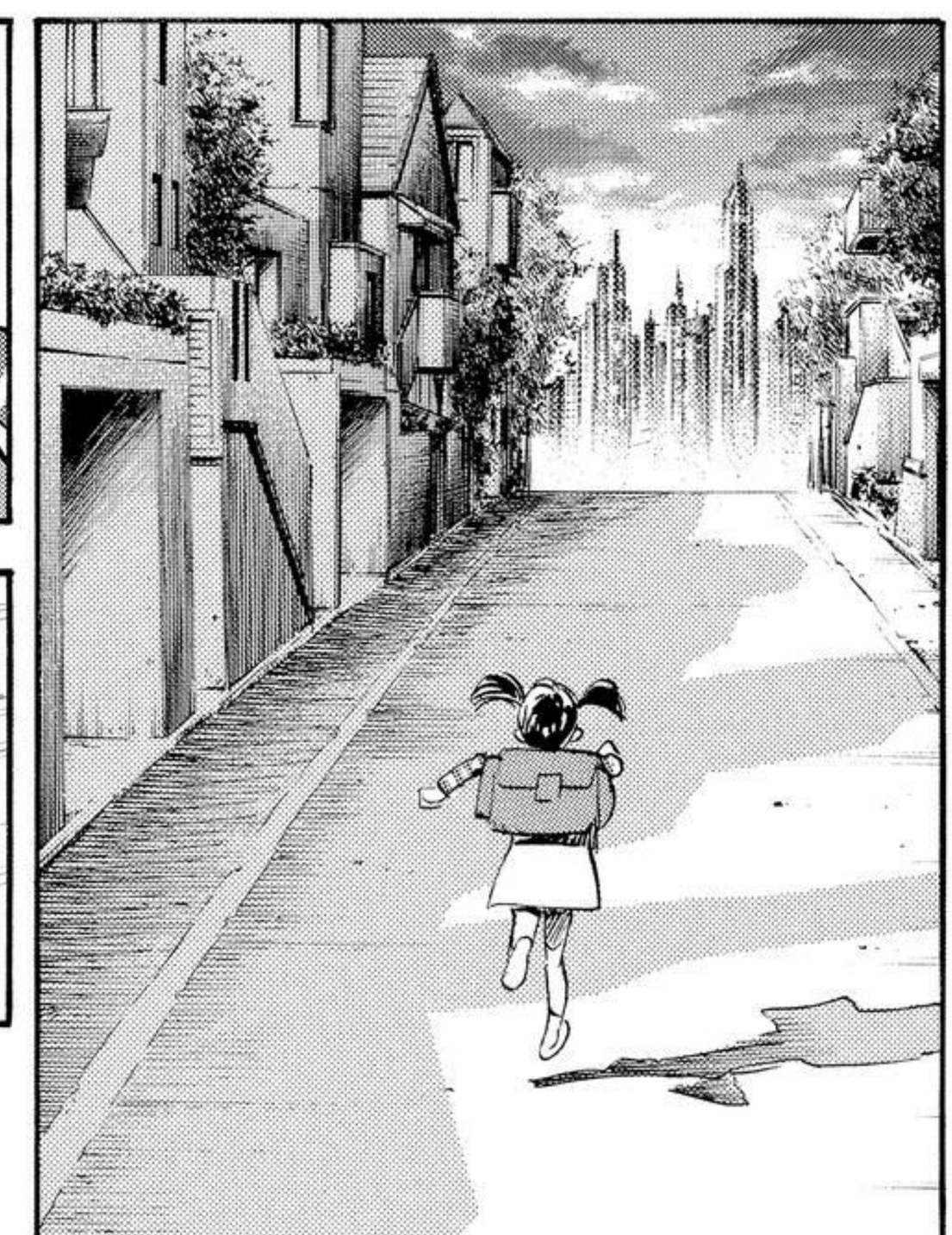

DING DONG

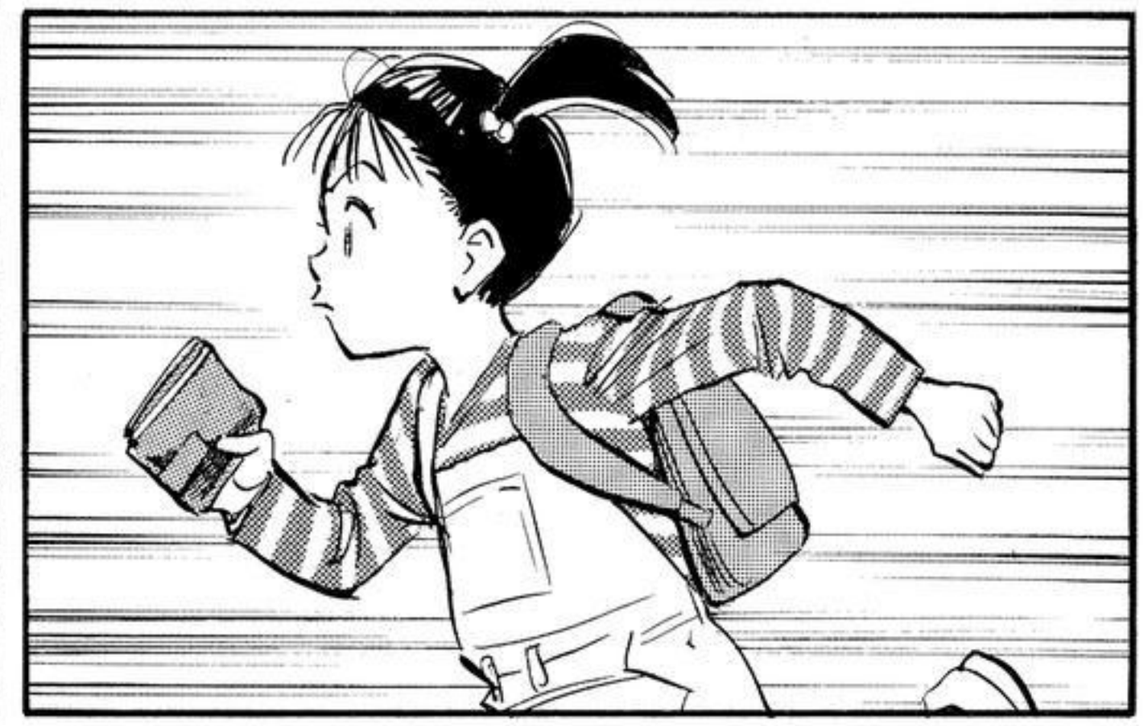
WHAT IS IT?!

HUH?!


HE'S CRYING BECAUSE YOU DON'T WALK HIM ENOUGH.

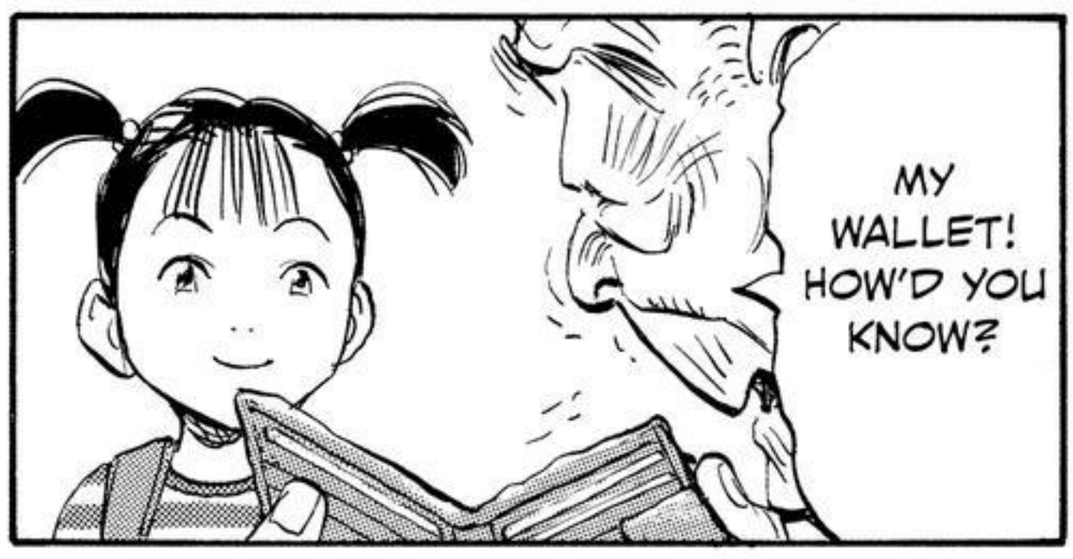




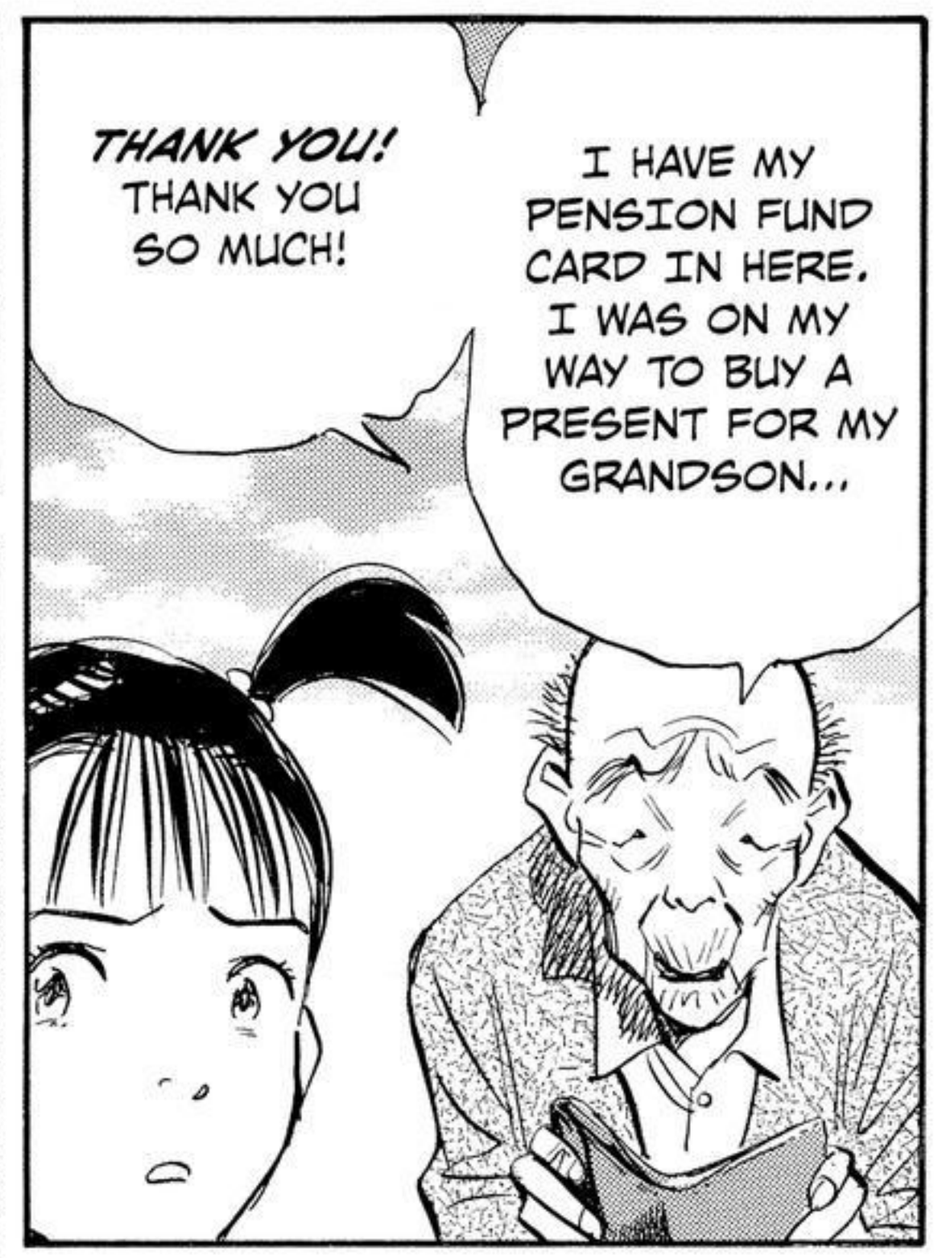


HMM?

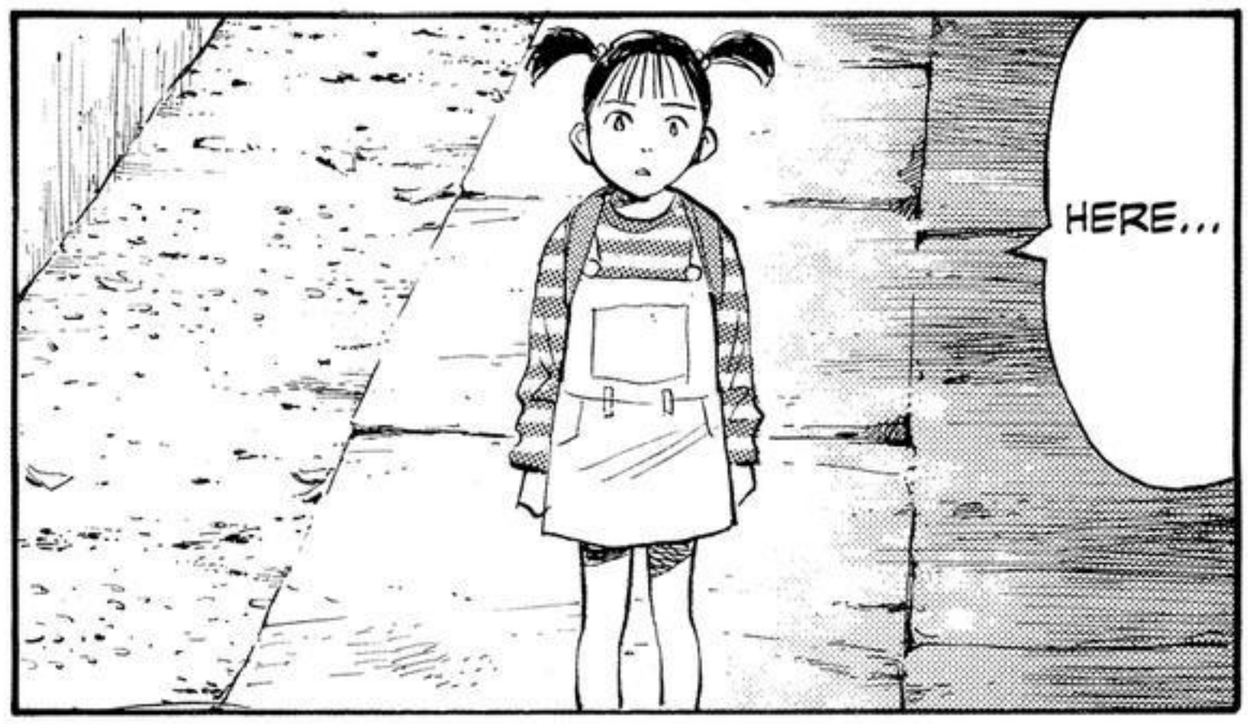
IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, SIR?


MY WALLET! HOW'D YOU KNOW?

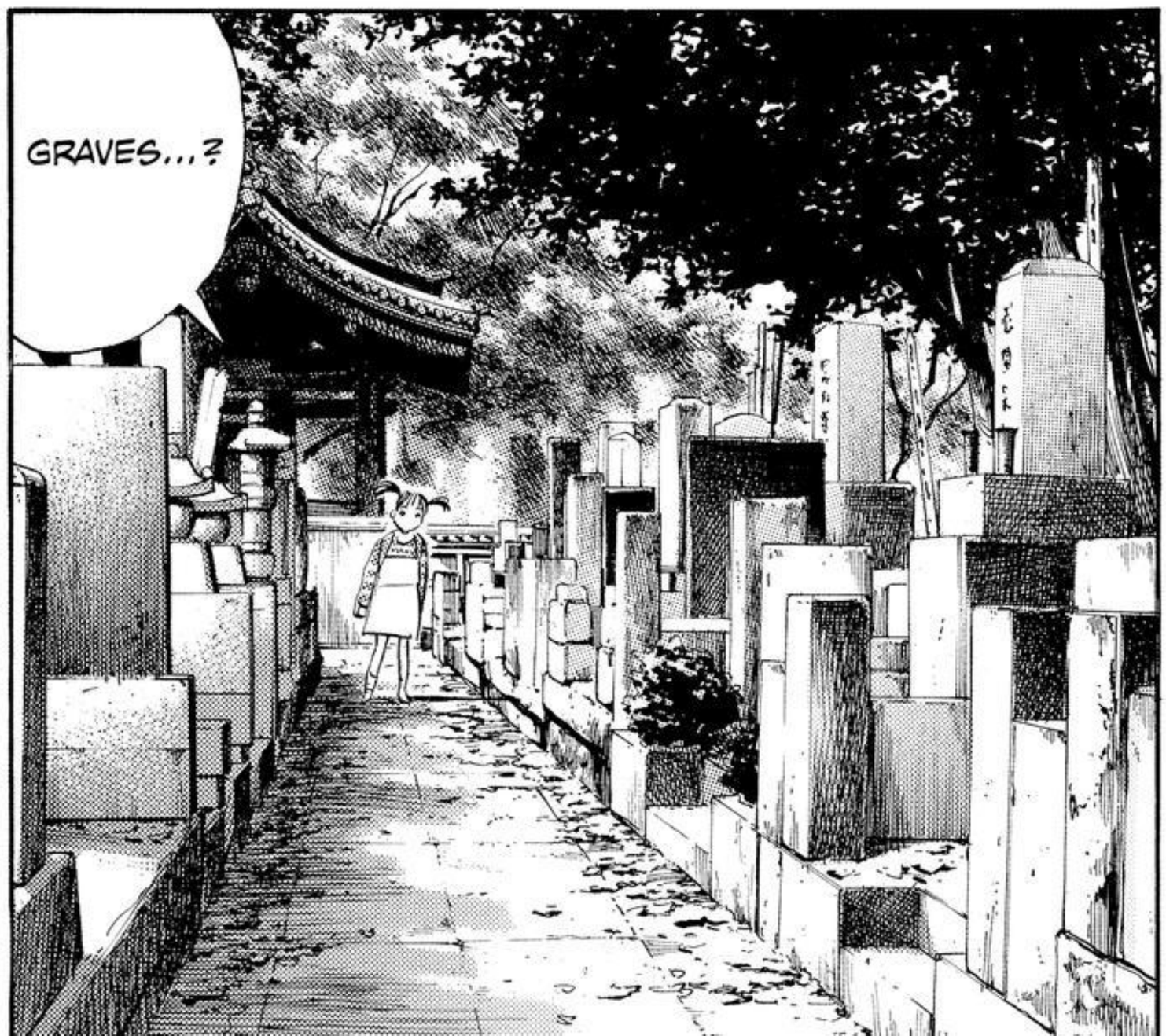
WAIT...


THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I HAVE MY PENSION FUND CARD IN HERE. I WAS ON MY WAY TO BUY A PRESENT FOR MY GRANDSON...

SOMEONE REALLY REALLY SAD IS HERE...


HERE...

I'M GETTING CLOSE...


GRAVES...?

RIGHT HERE...

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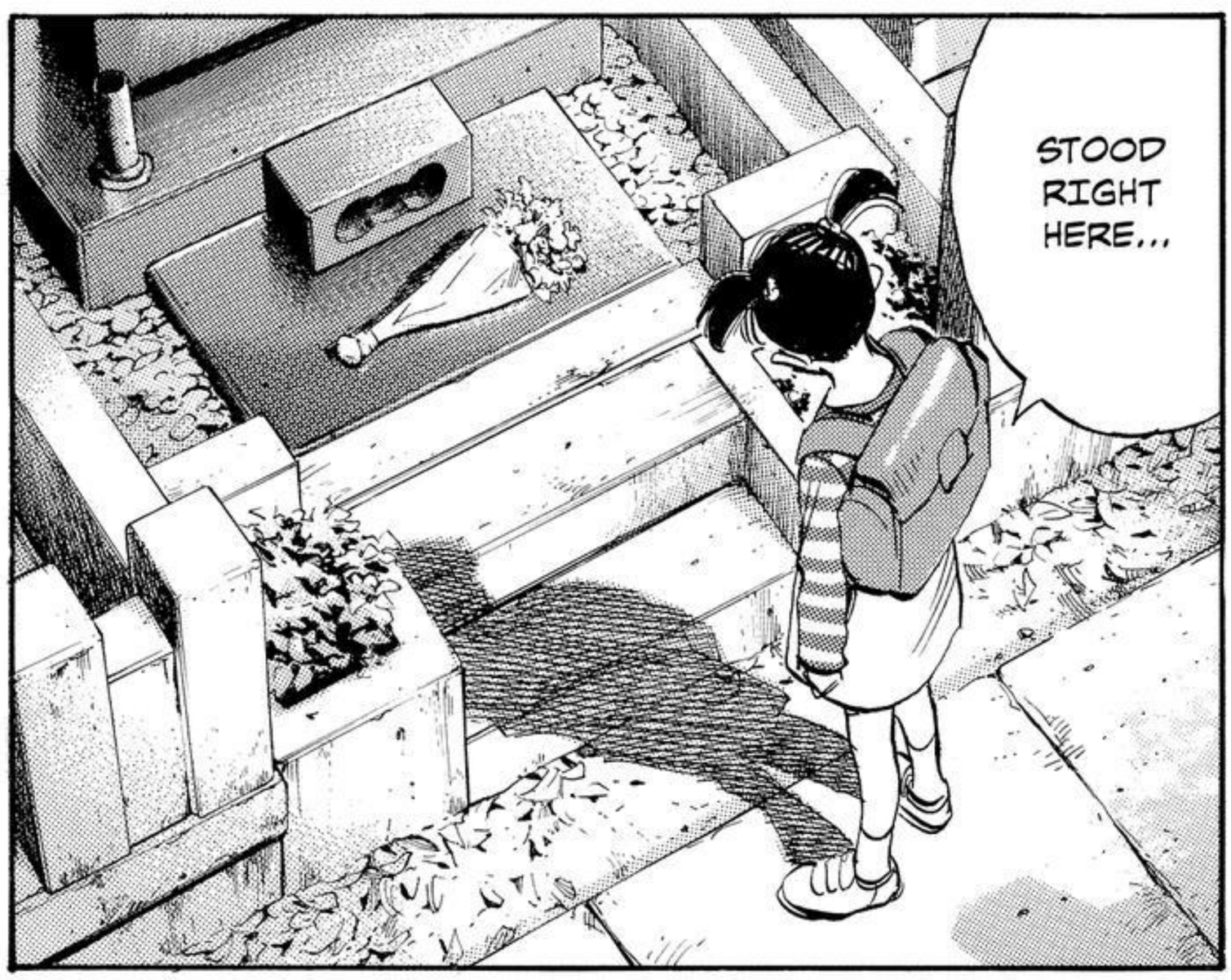
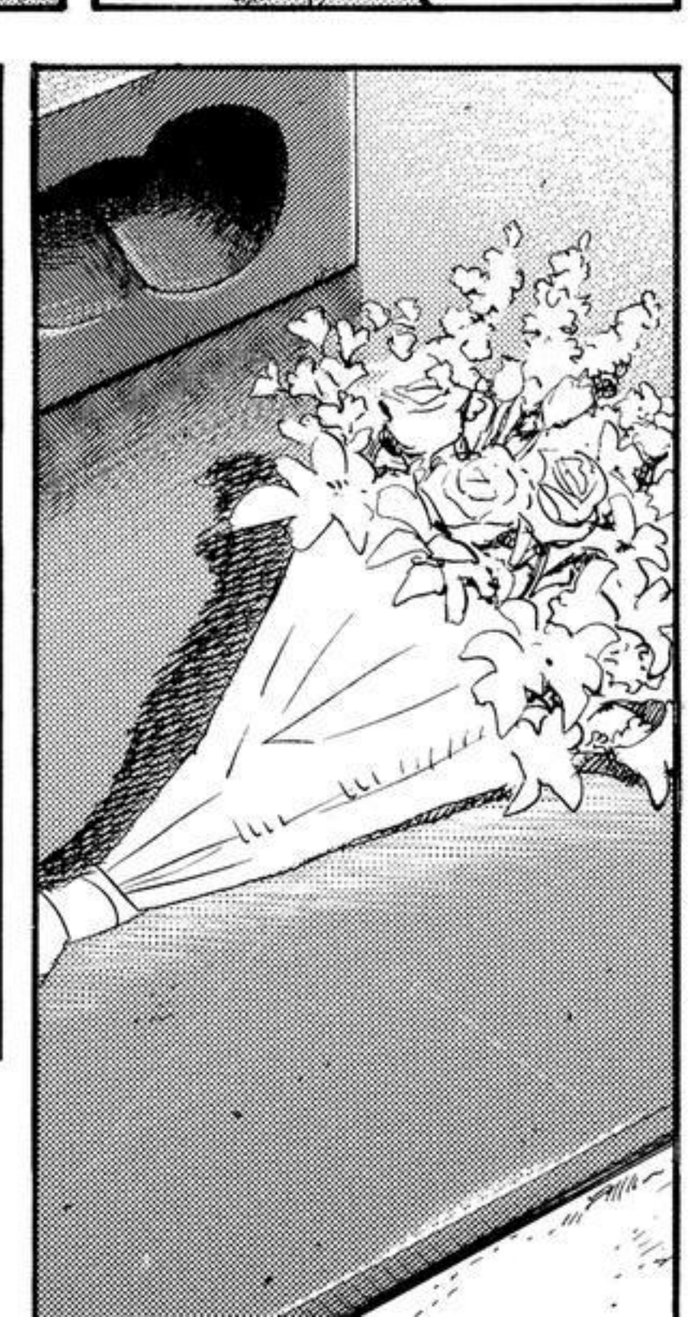

STOOD RIGHT HERE...

WHOEVER IT WAS...

IT FEELS ALMOST LIKE SOMEBODY DIED *TWICE*...
HE WAS SO SAD...



"TOBIO...

天馬飛雄

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...TENMA."

KLAK

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE

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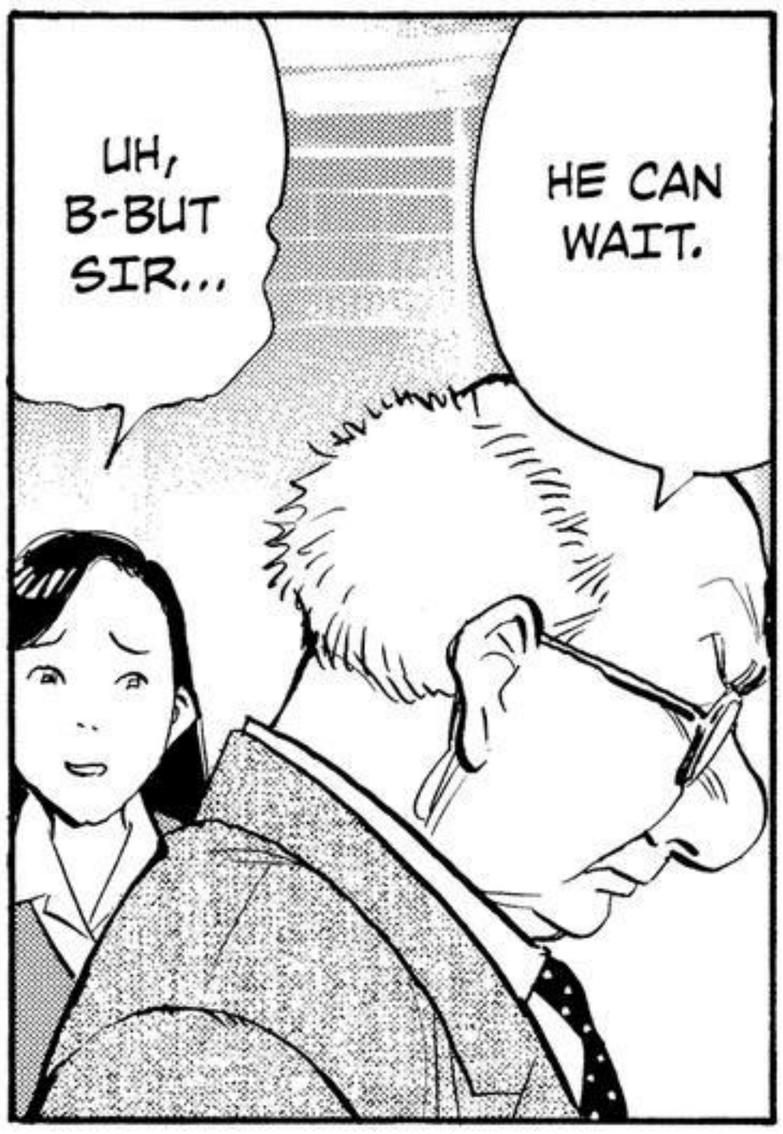
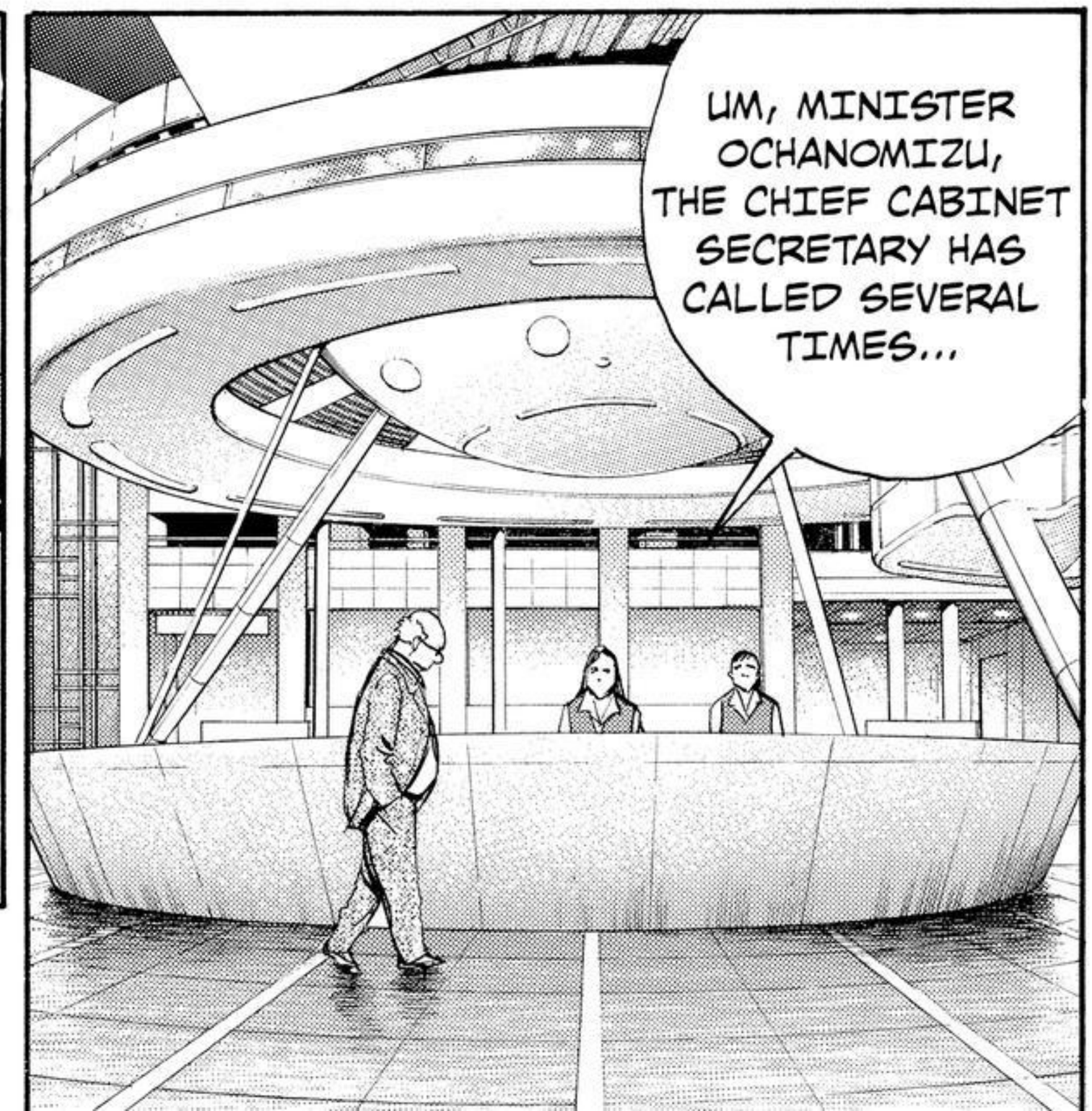




I'M *NOT* GIVING UP YET.

TELL HIM I'M IN NO MOOD TO TALK ABOUT A STATE FUNERAL FOR ATOM!!

SORRY, NO UNAUTHO-RIZED PERSONS ALLOWED, SIR.

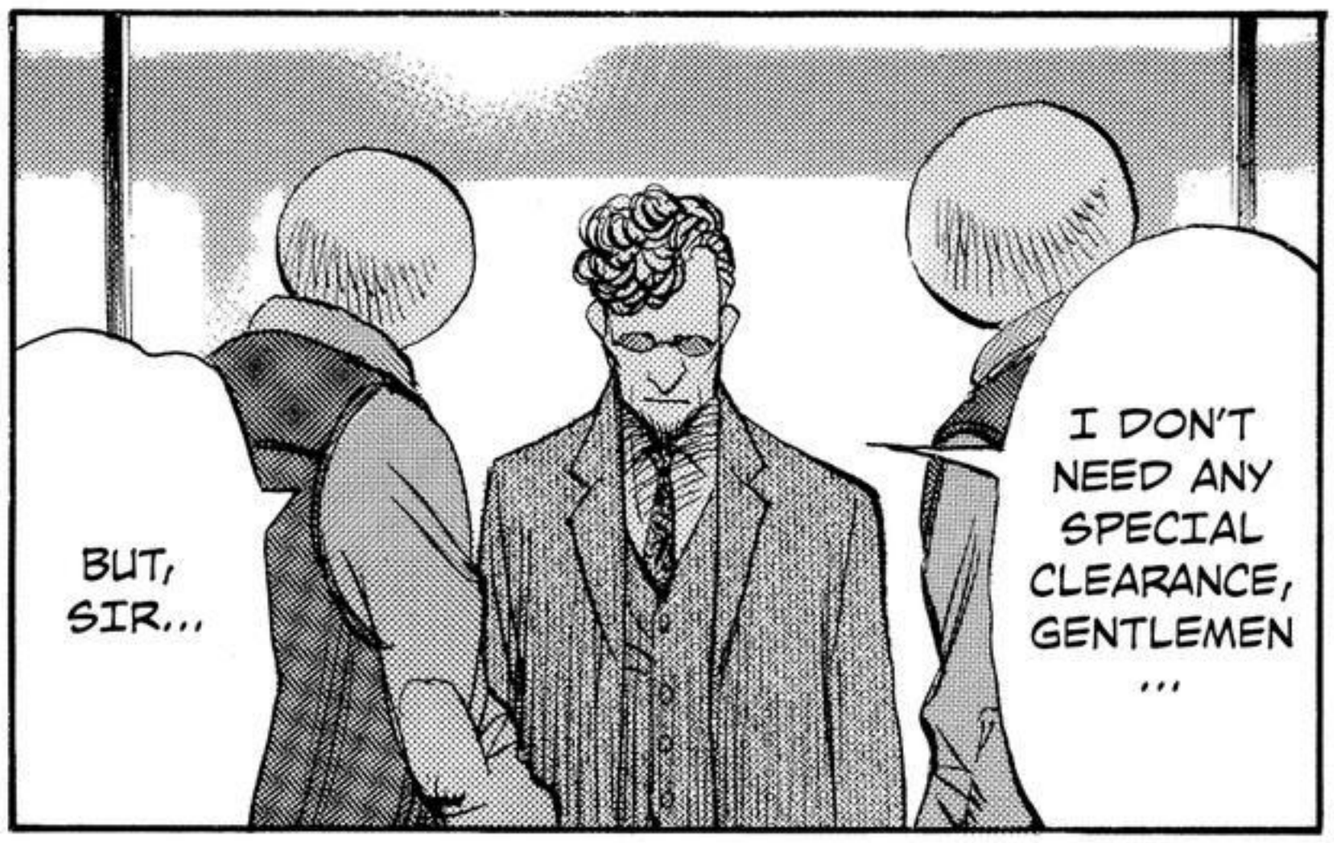
I *TOLD* YOU! MY PREDE-CESSOR...

FROM "HIM," SIR?

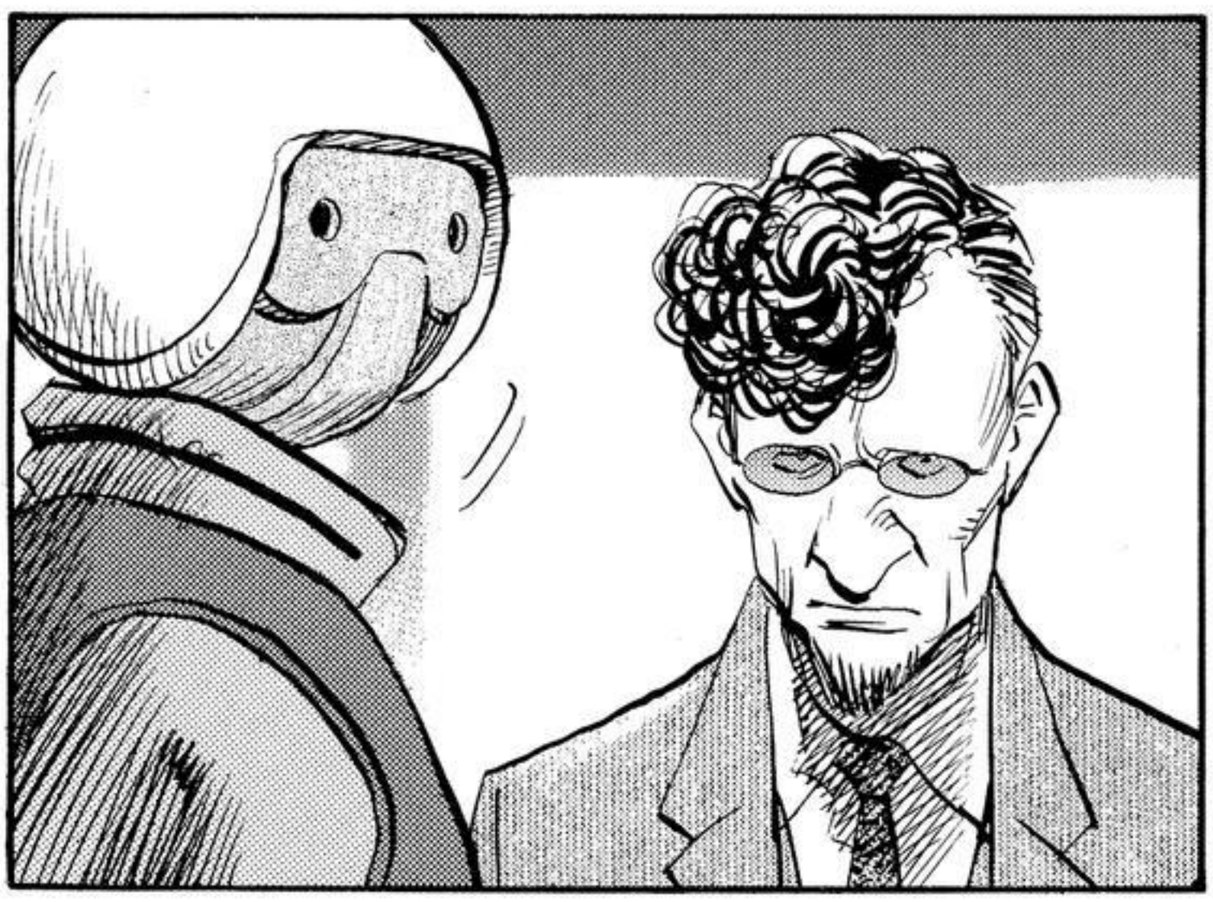
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM *HIM* YET?

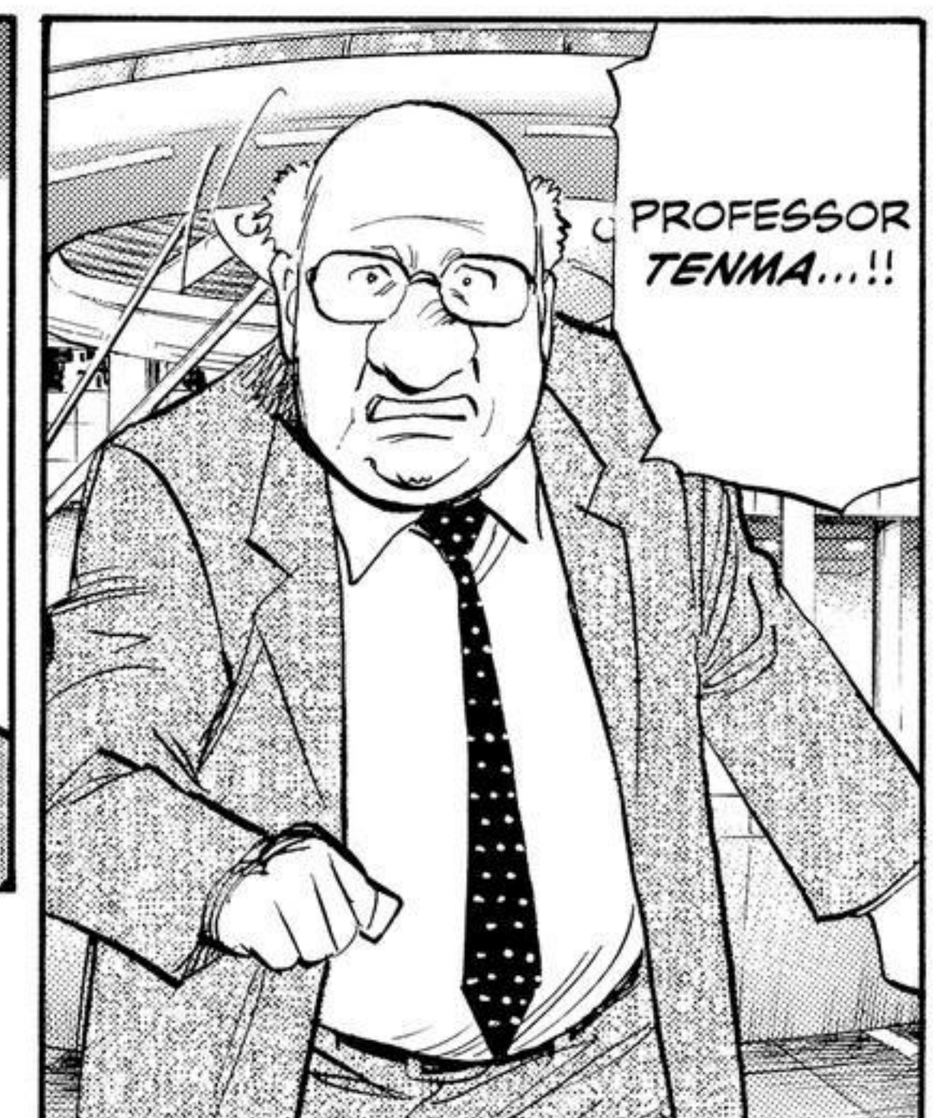
WITHOUT ONE, YOU CAN'T PASS SECURITY, SIR!!

YOU MUST HAVE AN APPOINT-MENT.

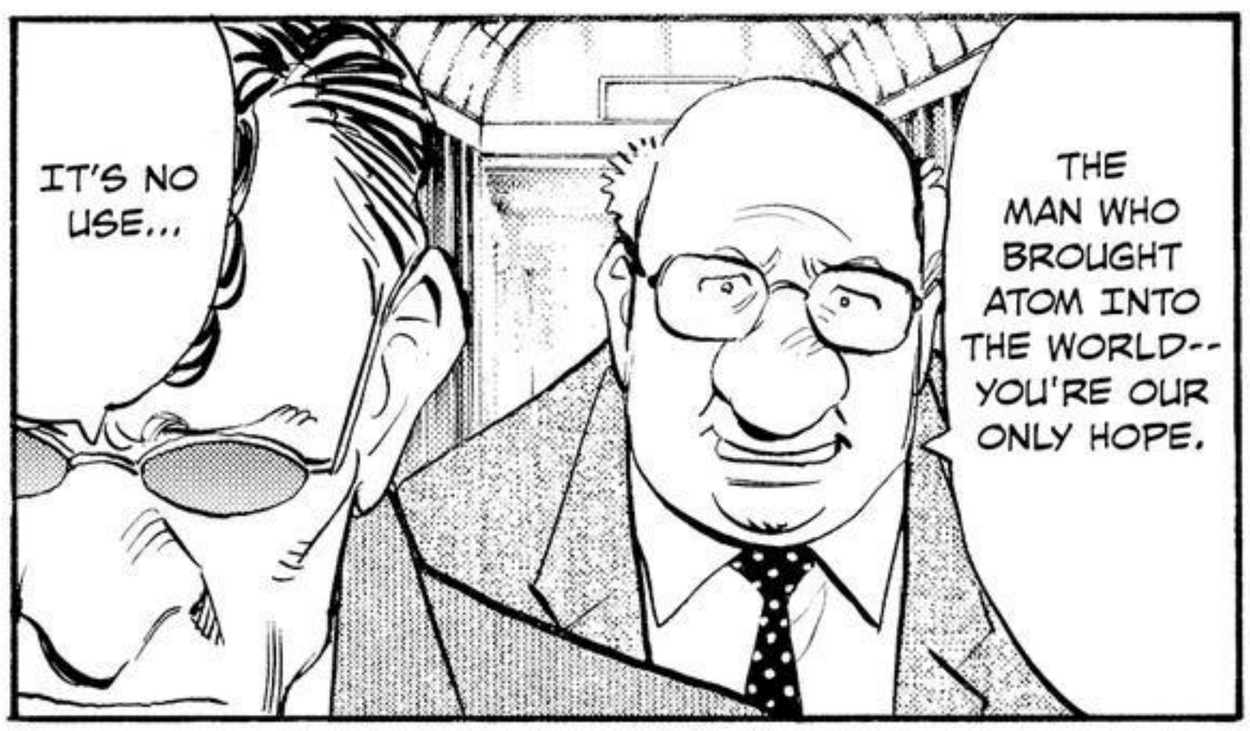

BUT, SIR...
I DON'T NEED ANY SPECIAL CLEARANCE, GENTLEMEN ...

I'M THE FORMER HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE!



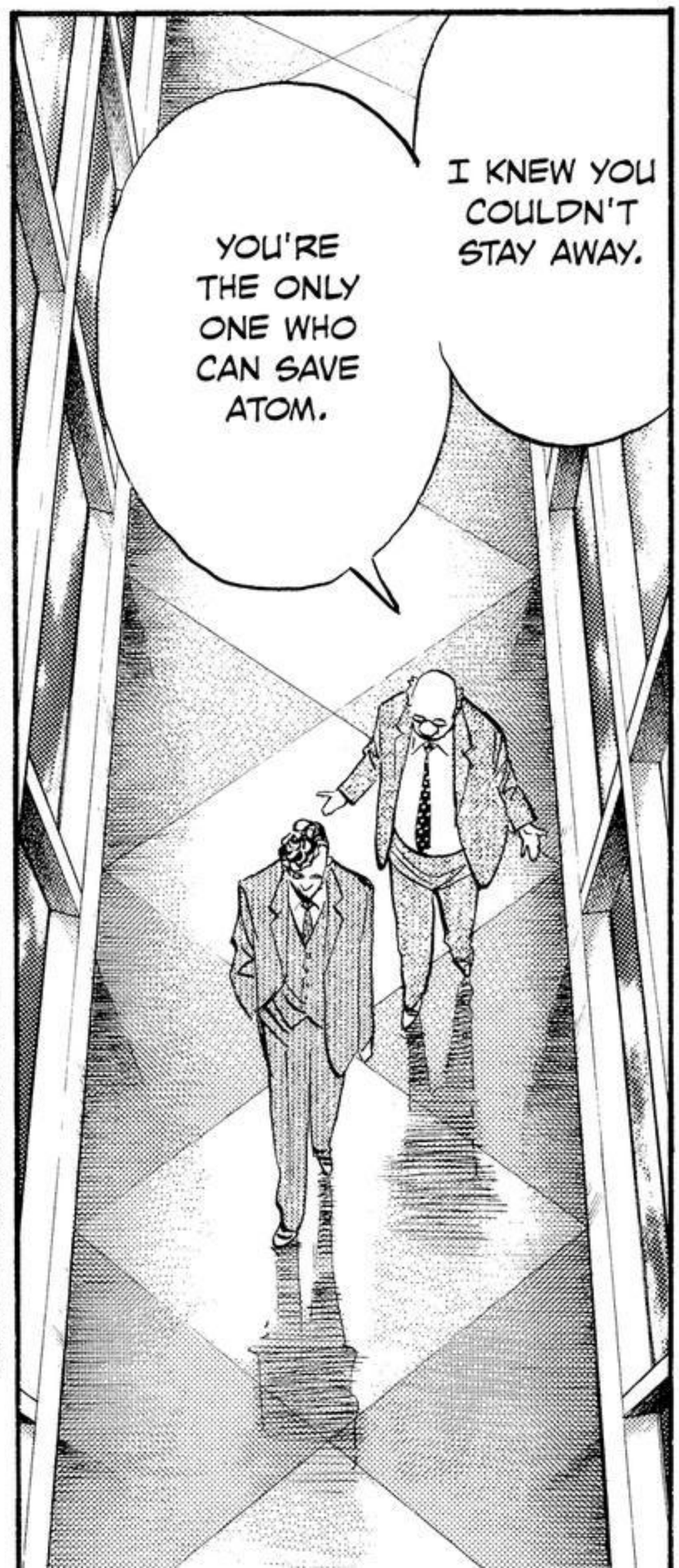

PROFESSOR TENMA...!!

I'VE BEEN HOPING YOU'D COME!!
YOU'RE HERE!

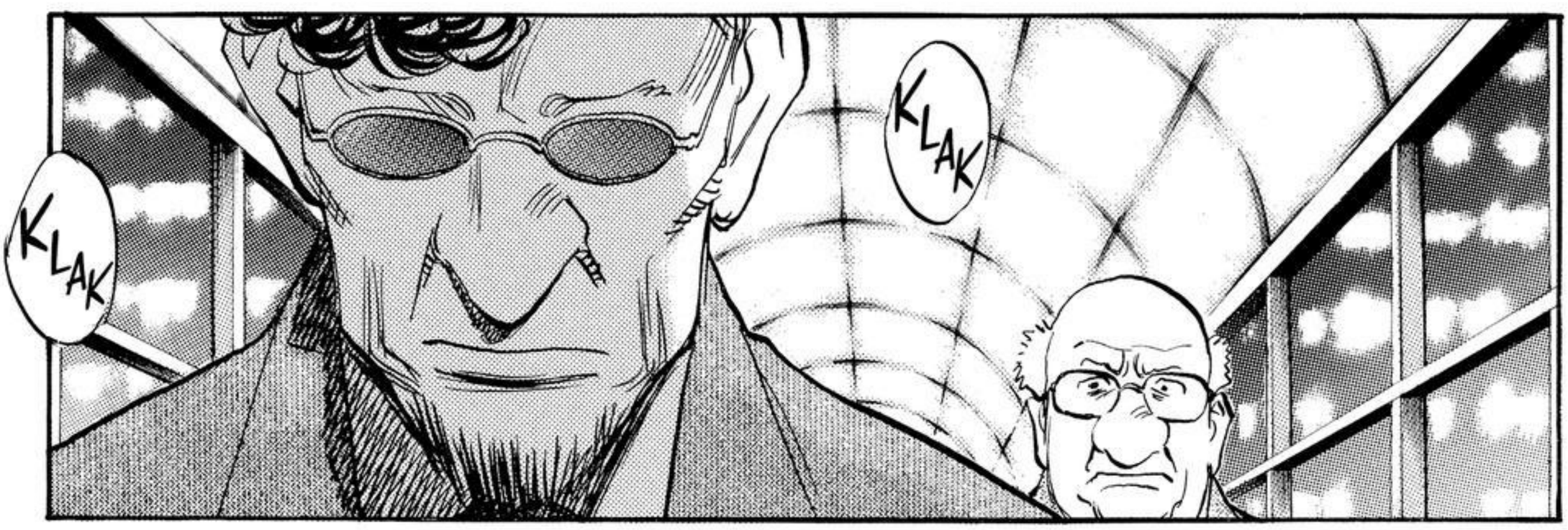

IT'S NO USE...
THE MAN WHO BROUGHT ATOM INTO THE WORLD-- YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE.

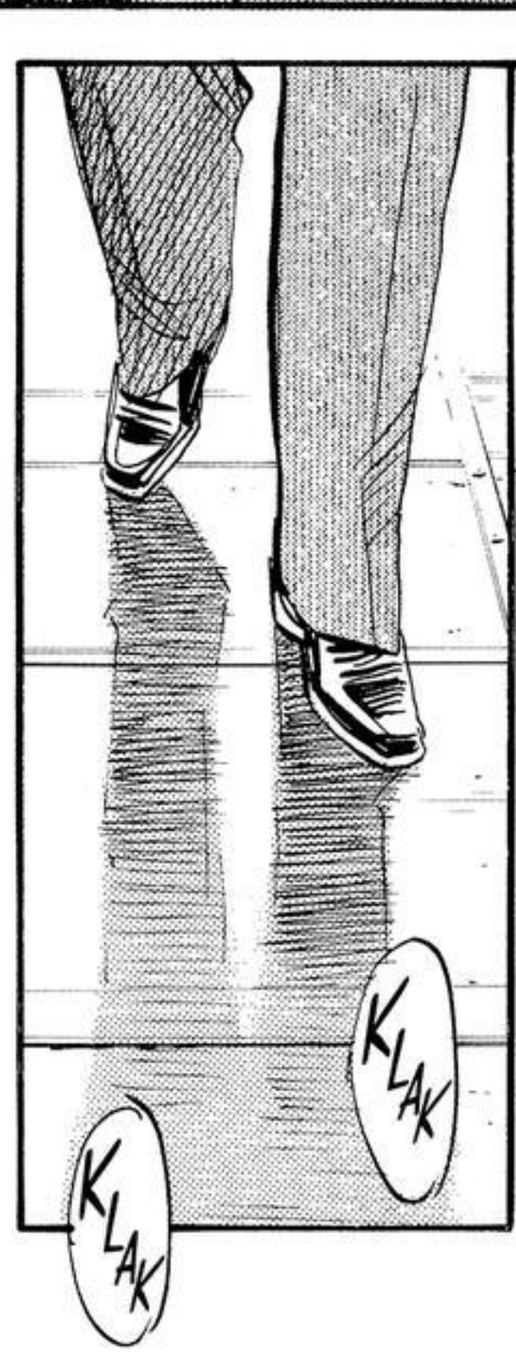
WHAT?

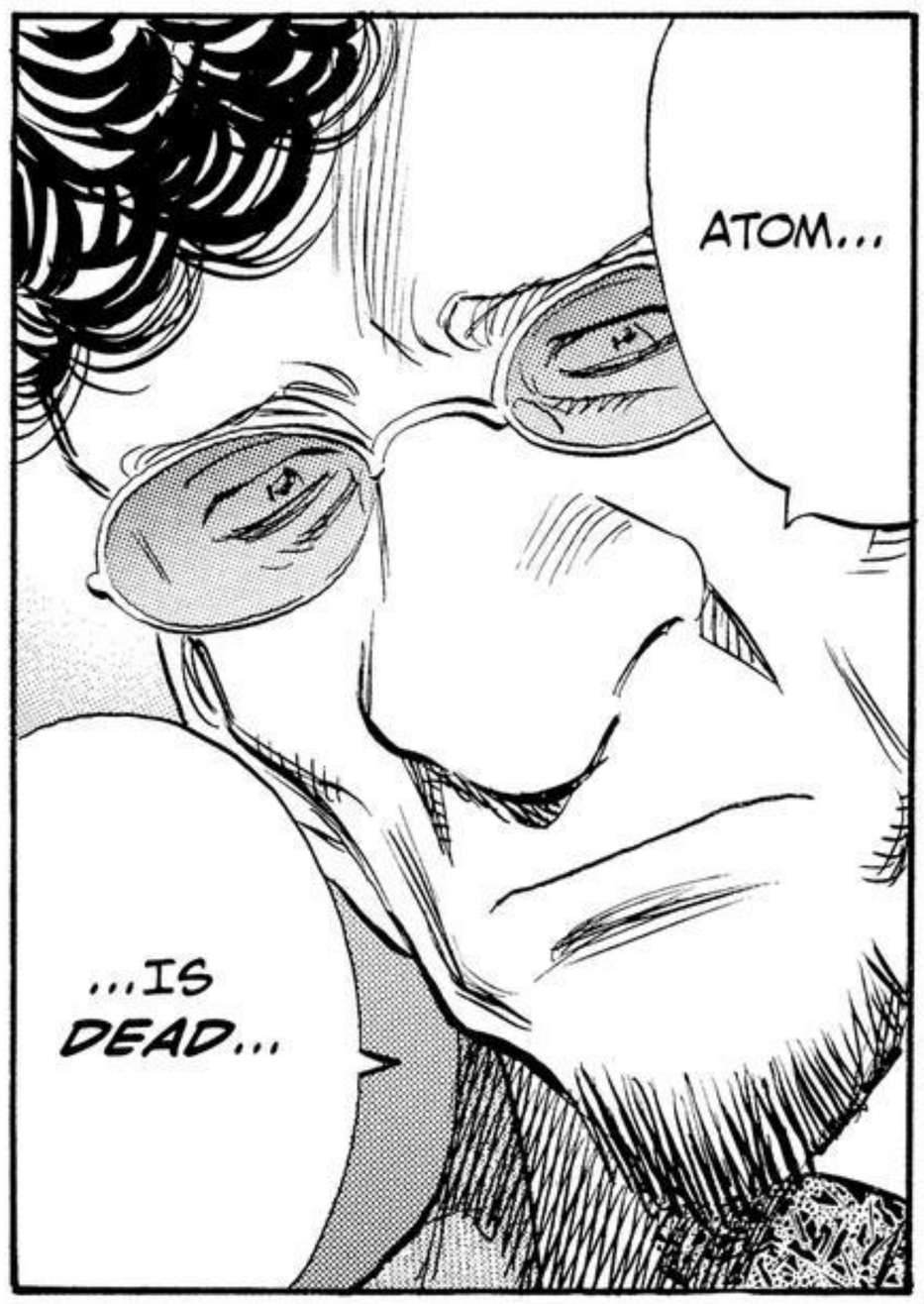
I CAN'T HELP YOU...


I KNEW YOU COULDN'T STAY AWAY.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE ATOM.

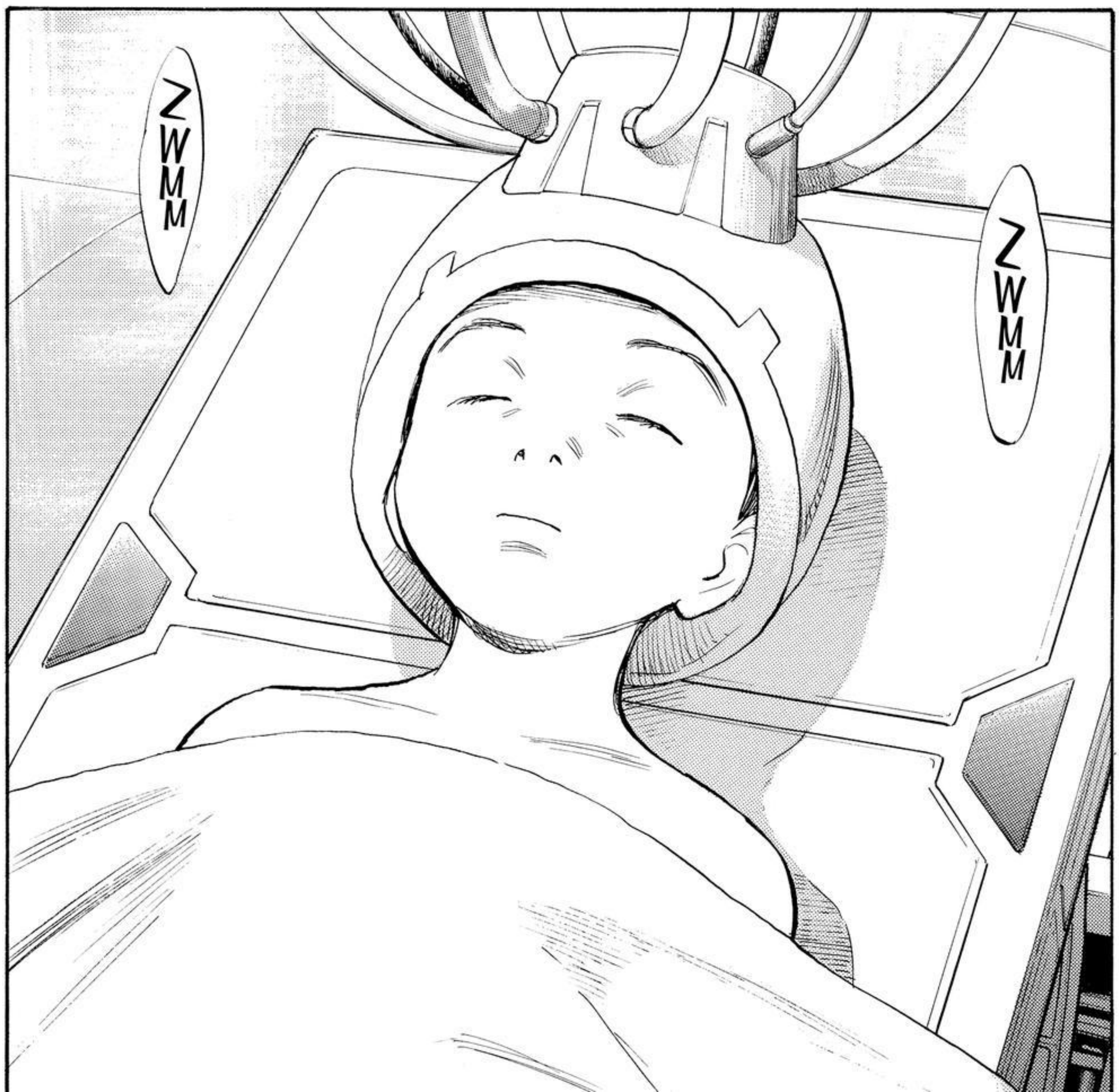
ATOM IS DEAD.






ATOM...
...IS DEAD...

ZWMM
ZWRR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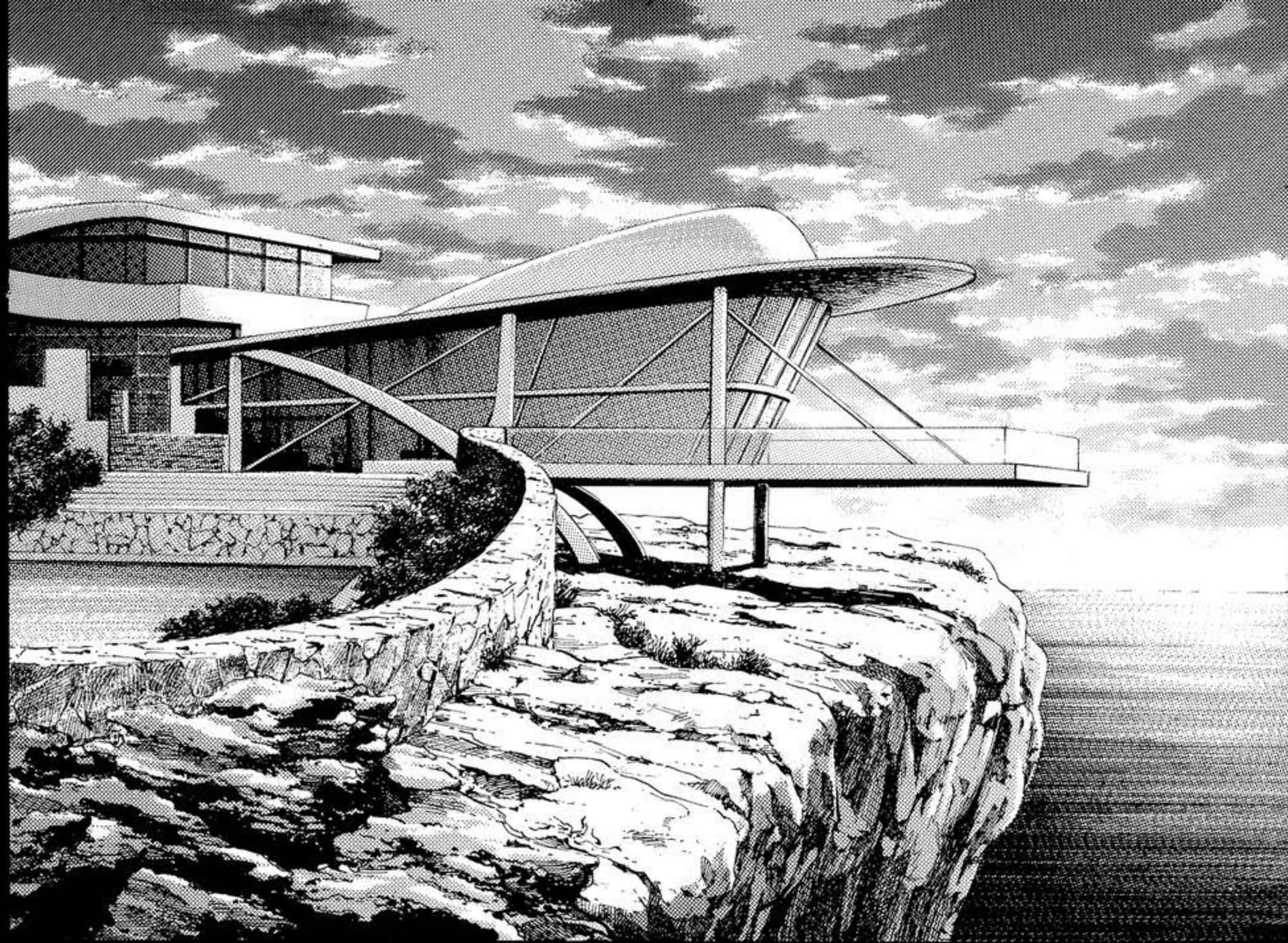
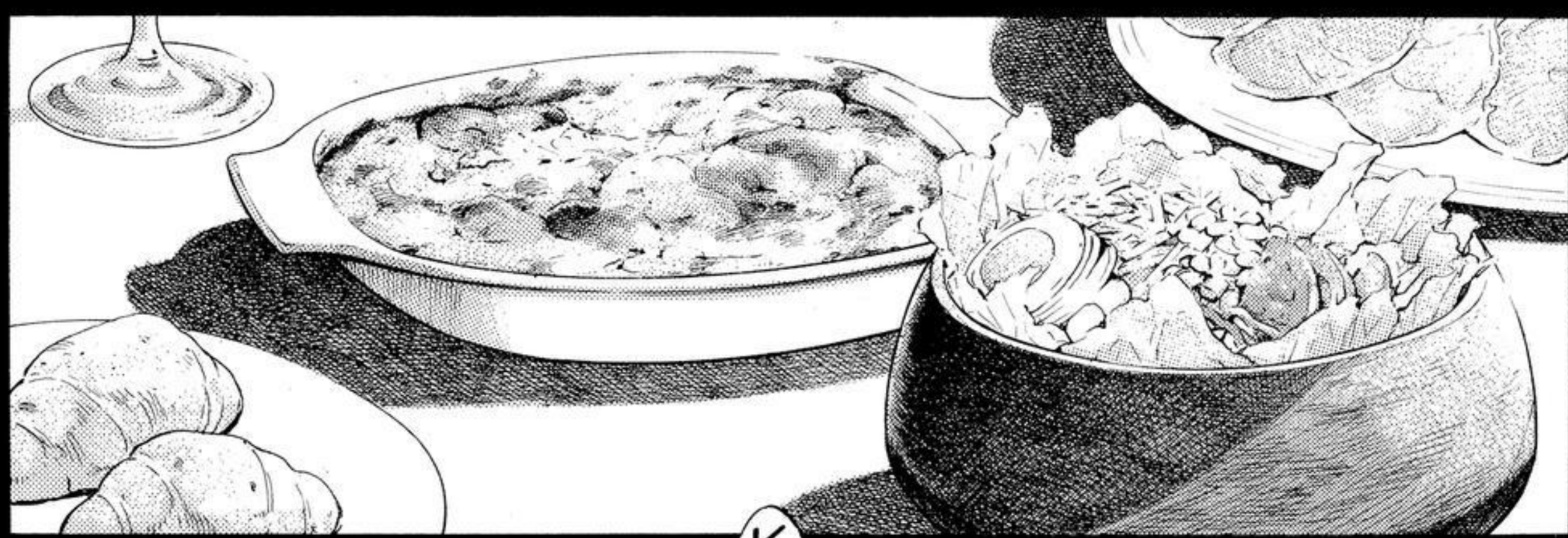
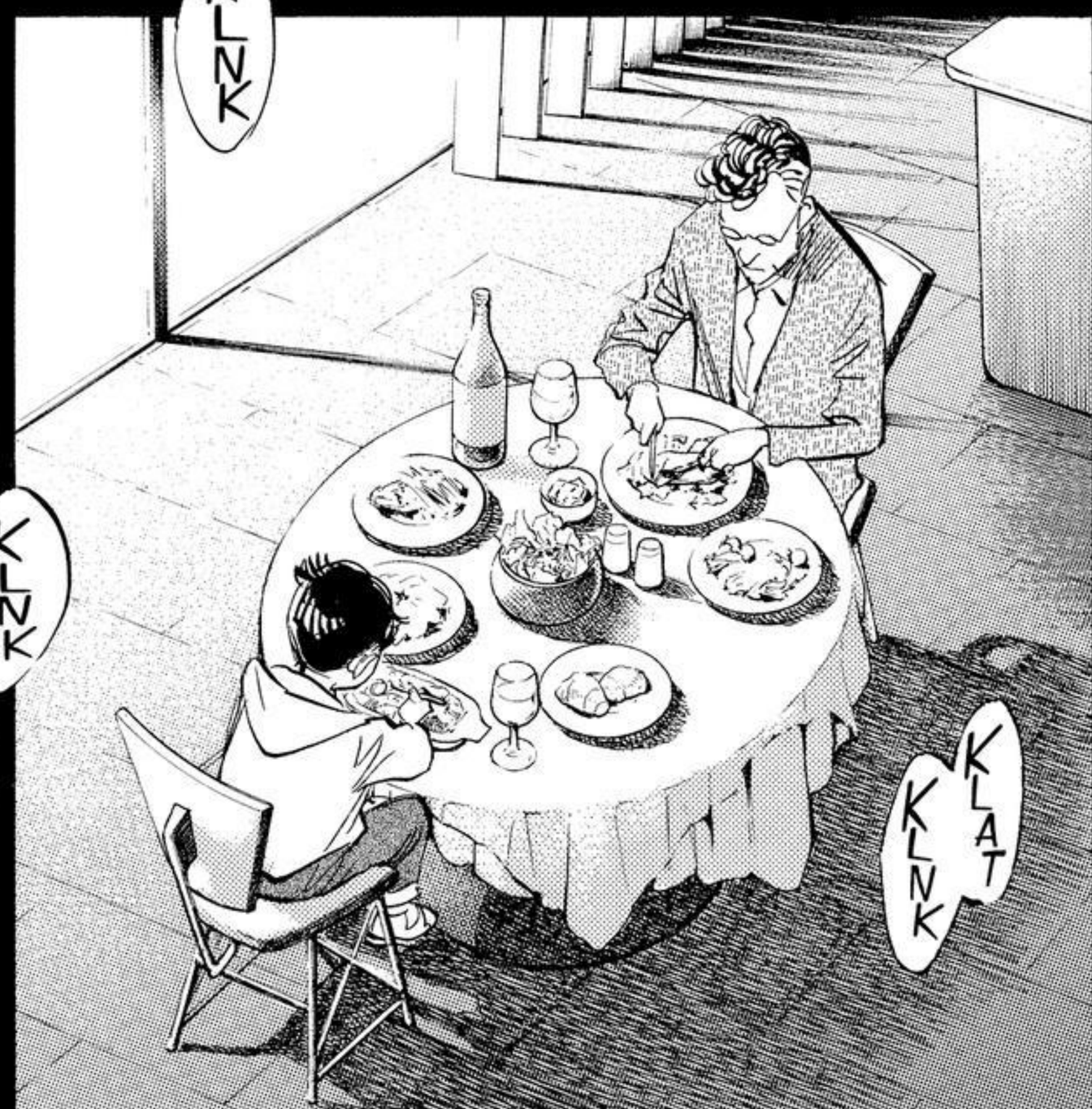
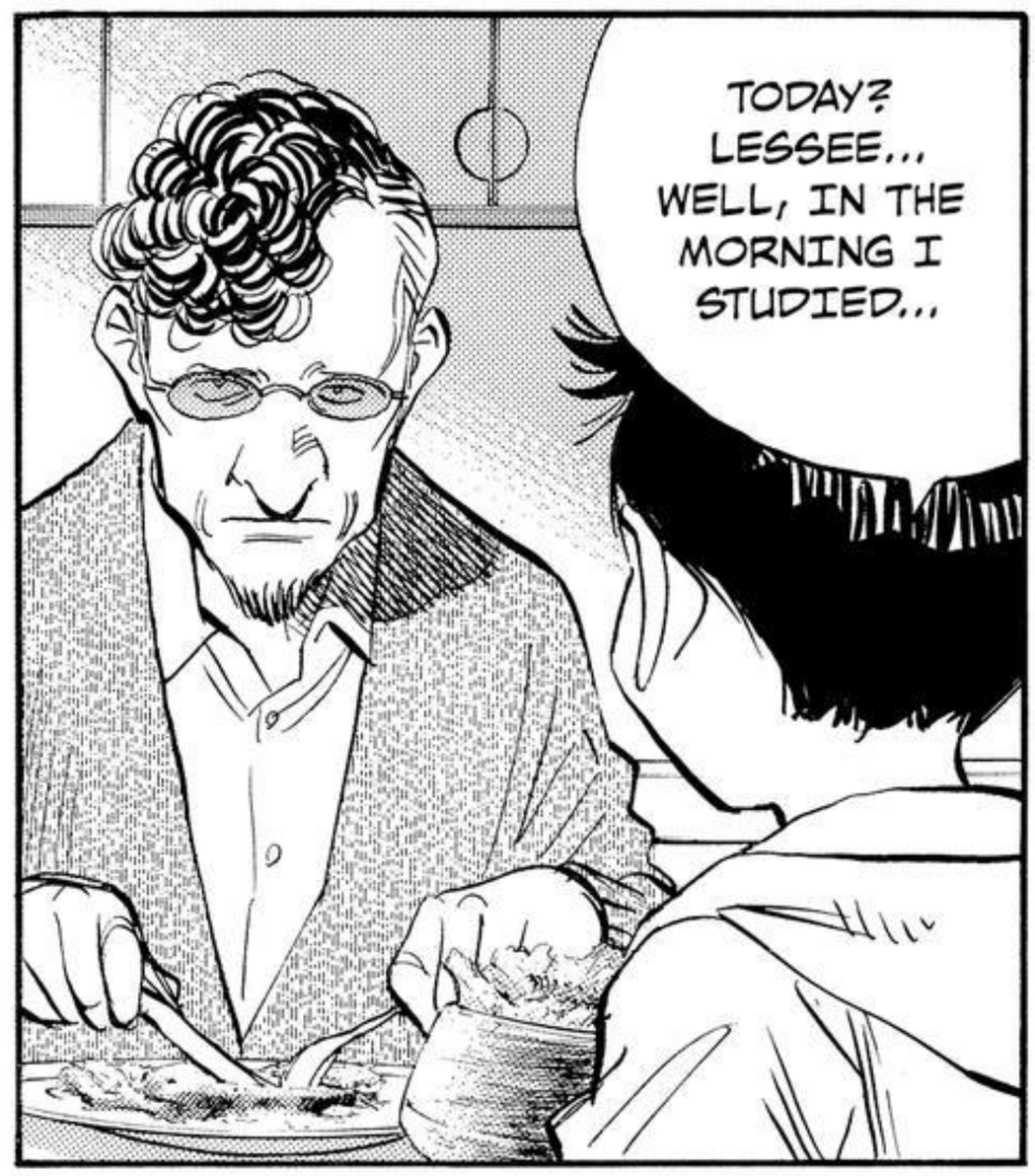
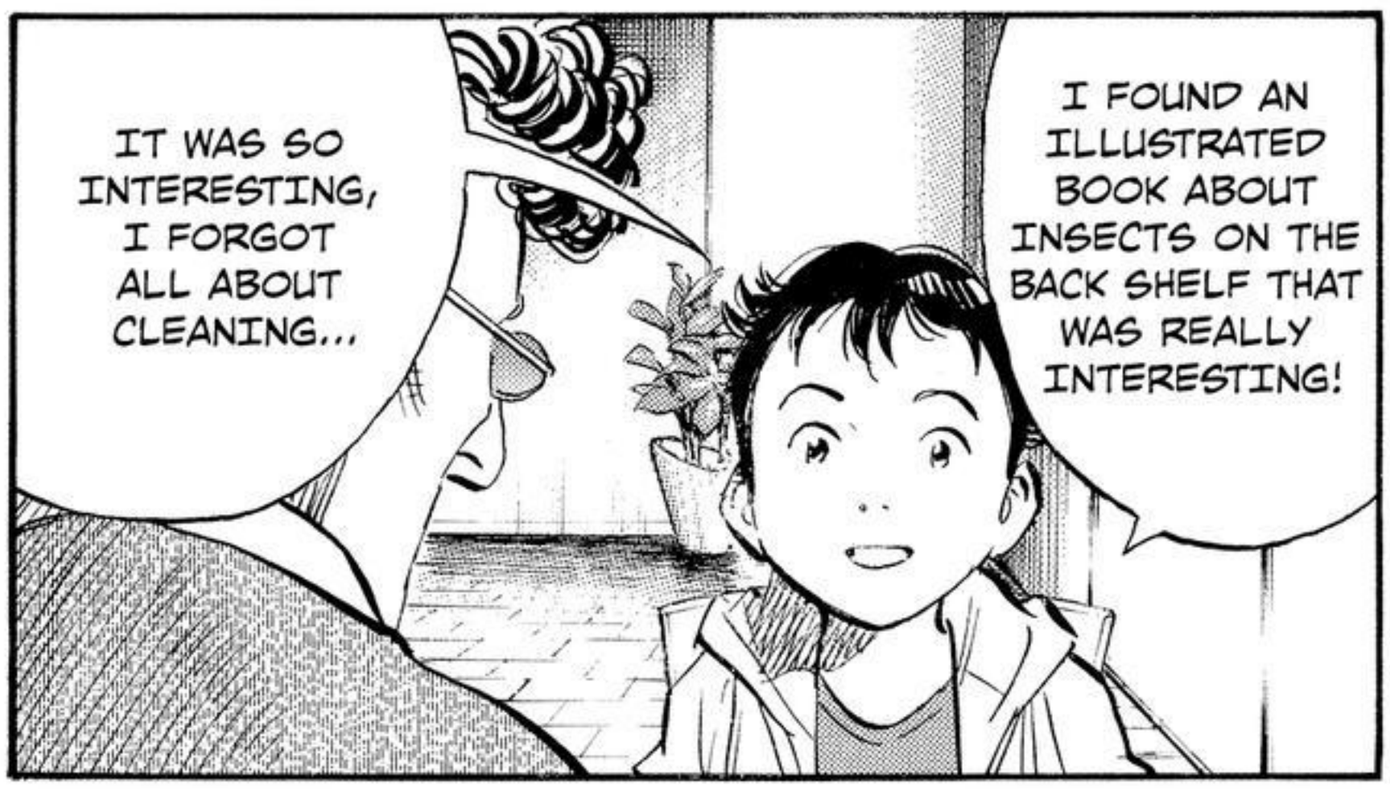






AND IN THE AFTERNOON I CLEANED UP MY ROOM...

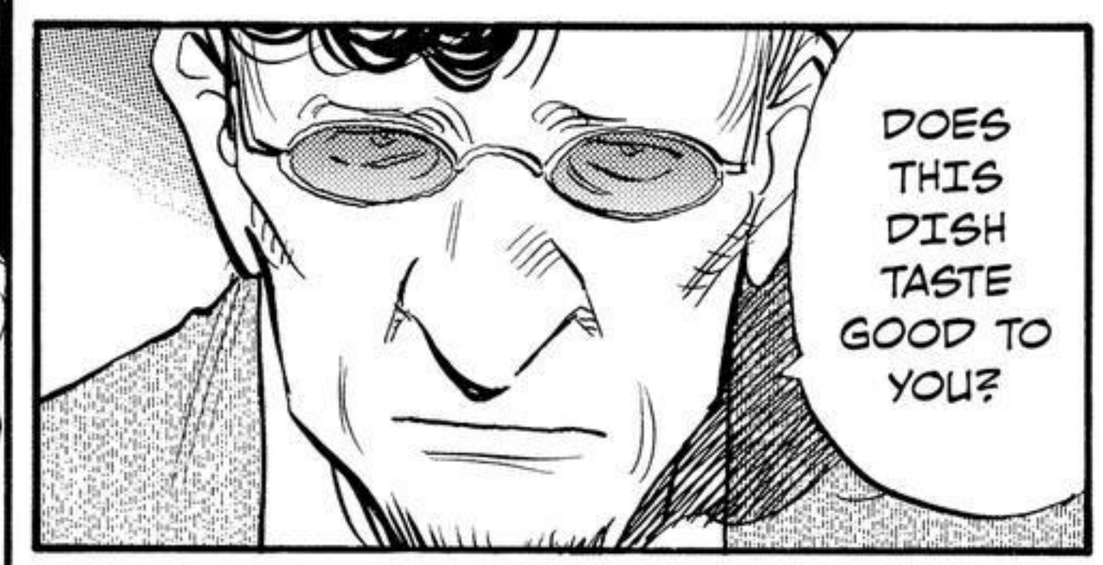

TODAY? LESSEE... WELL, IN THE MORNING I STUDIED...

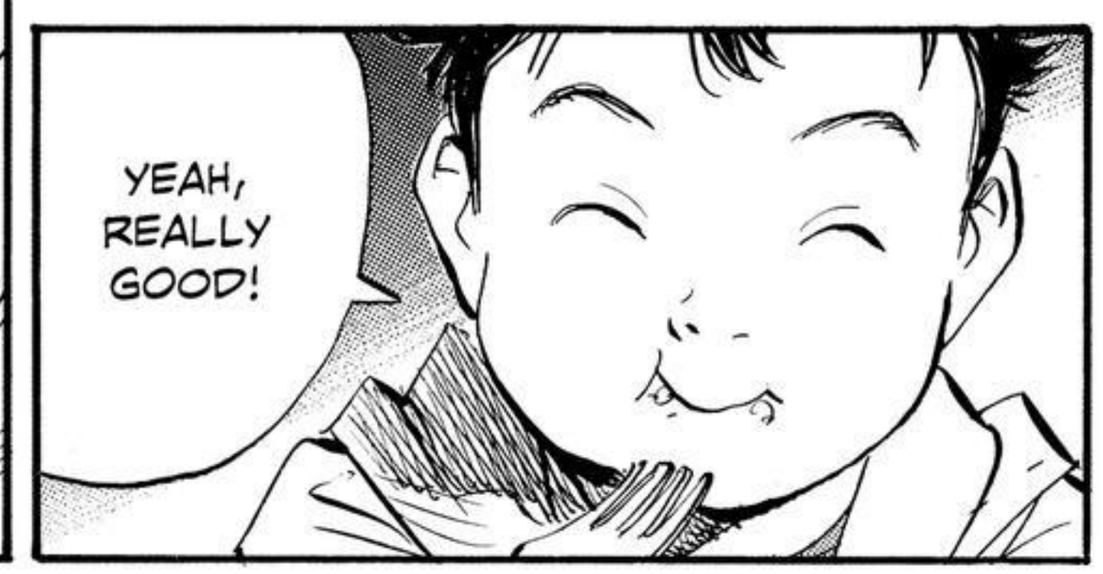

IT WAS SO INTERESTING, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT CLEANING...
I FOUND AN ILLUSTRATED BOOK ABOUT INSECTS ON THE BACK SHELF THAT WAS REALLY INTERESTING!

TOBIO...

HUH?

I'D LOVE TO SEE THE REAL THING SOMEDAY...
THERE'S ONE PICTURE OF A REALLY COOL BUTTERFLY CALLED A *ZEPHYRUS*...





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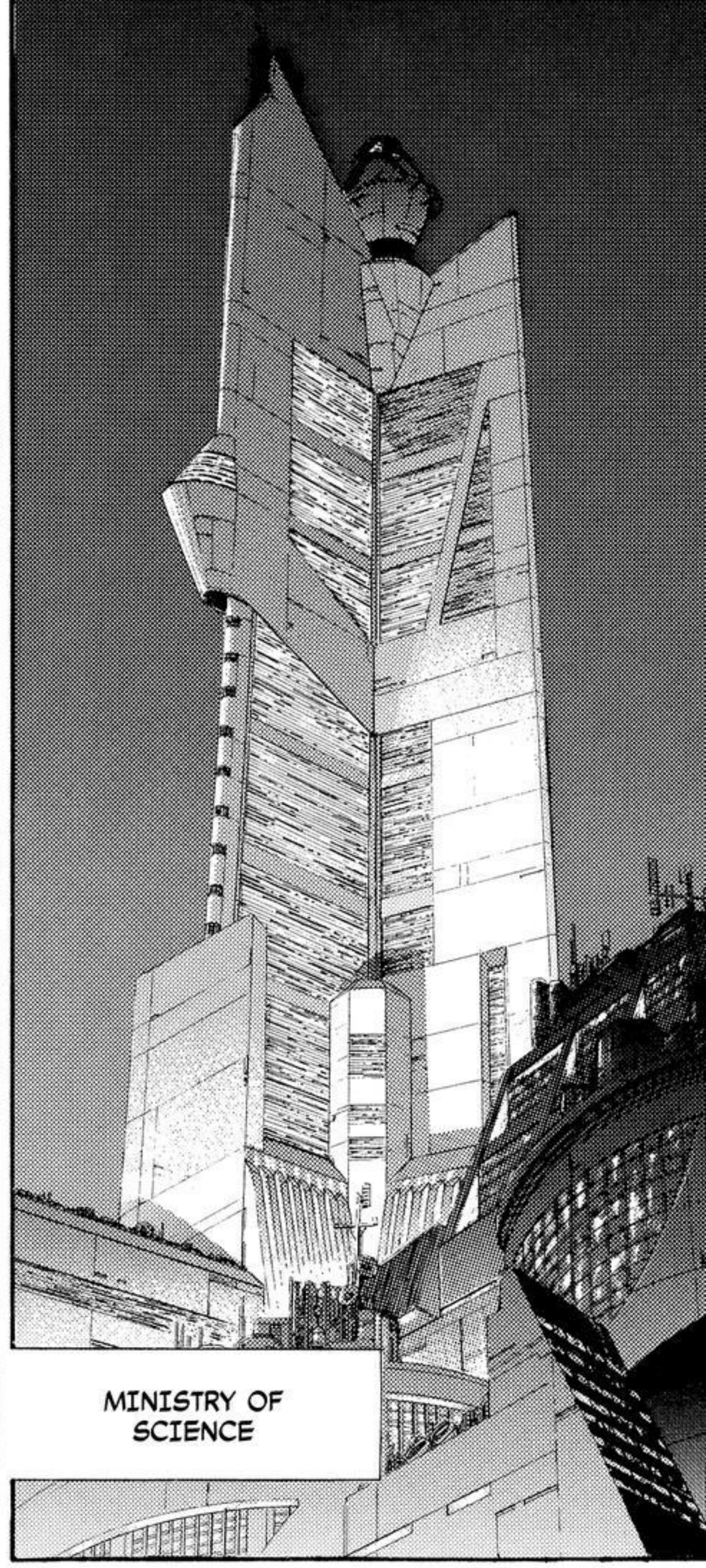
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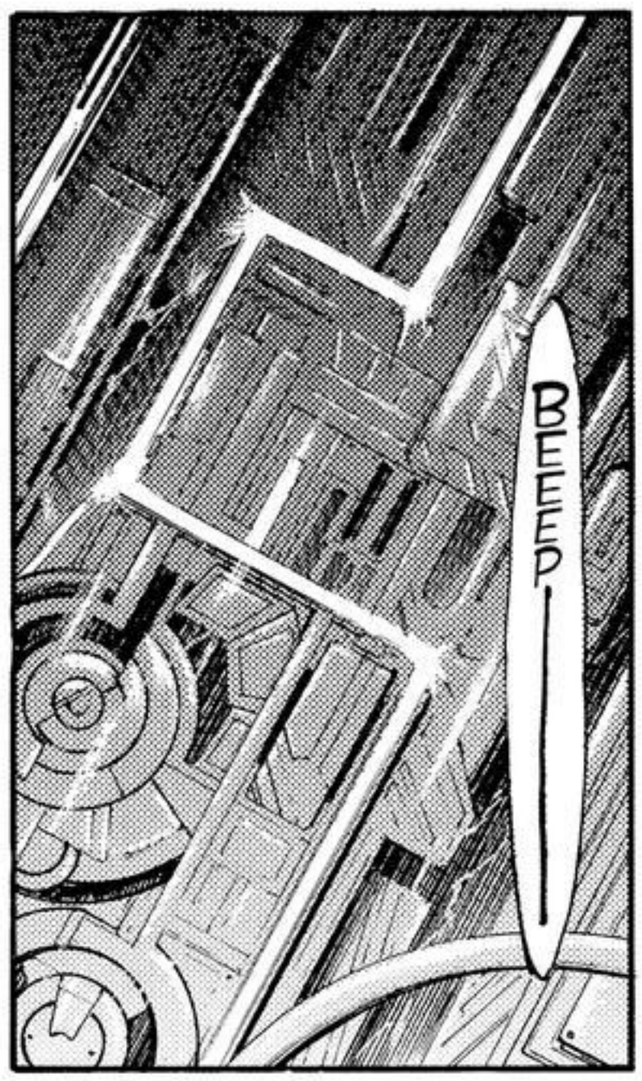
BEEEP

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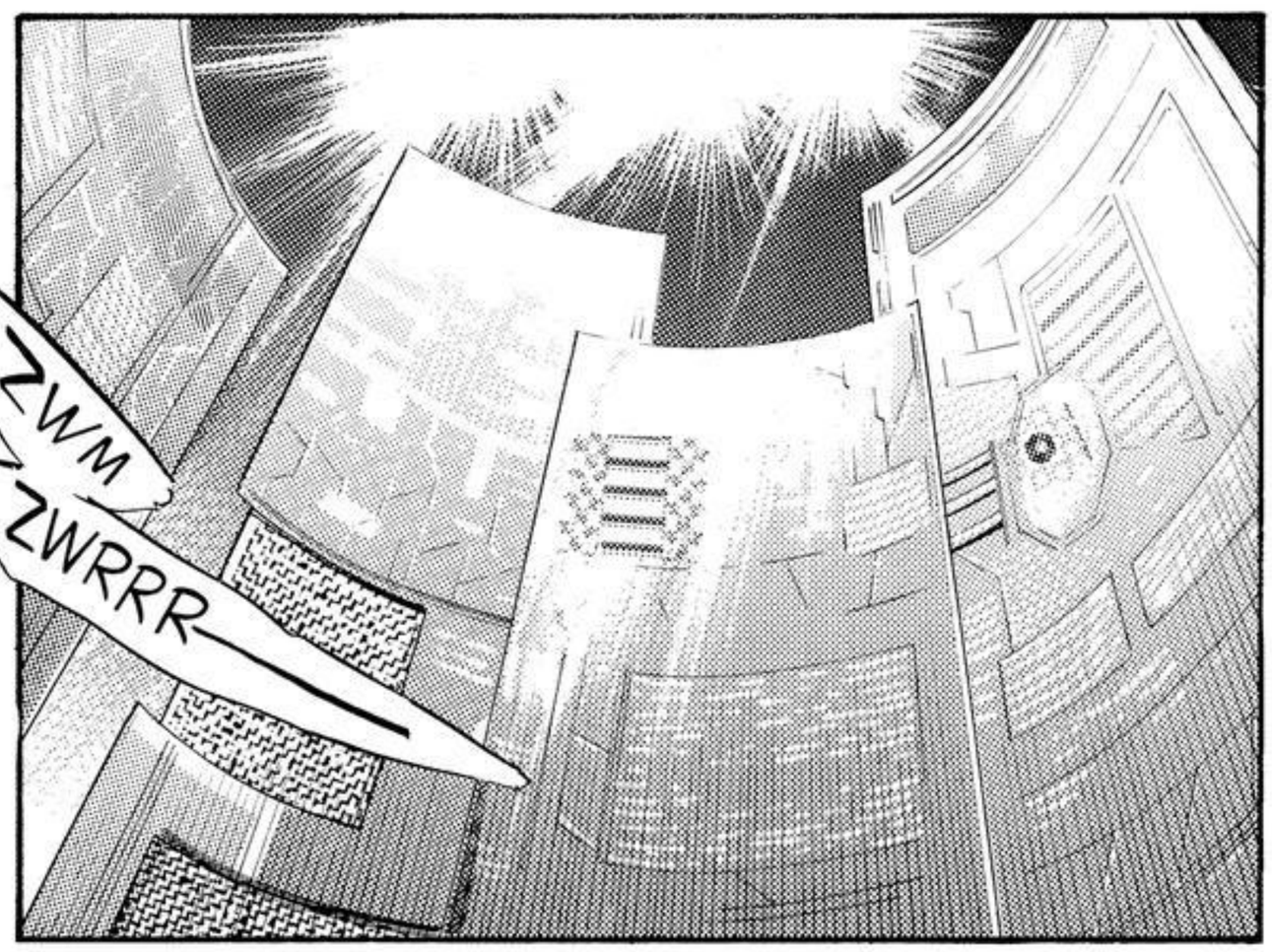
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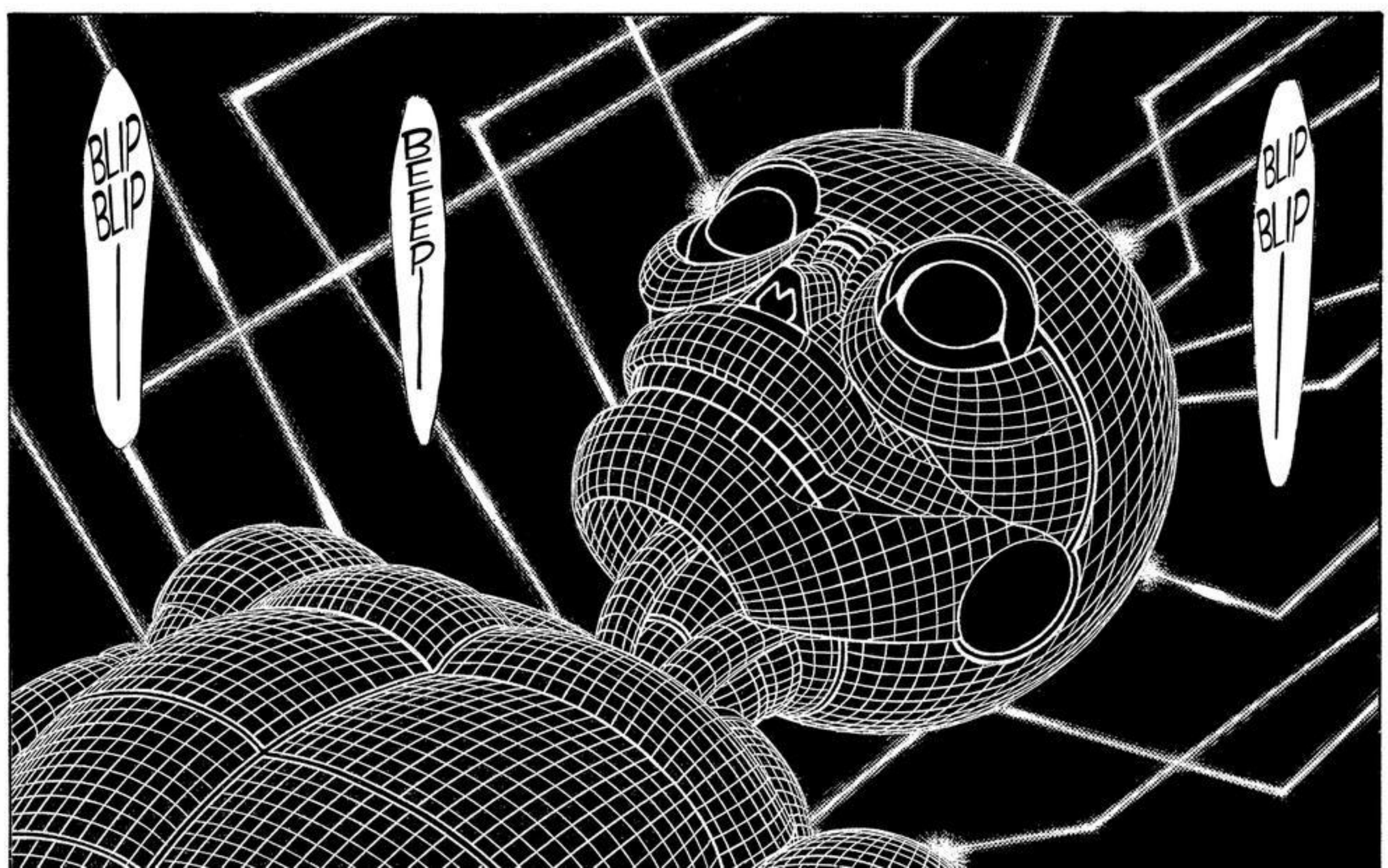
BLIP
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BLIP

TMP
PROFESSOR!!
TMP
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU!!

IT'S PROFESSOR TENMA...

HE'S TRYING TO BRING ATOM BACK TO LIFE!!
HE'S INITIATED ATOM'S RECOVERY PROTOCOLS ...!!

IT... IT'S AMAZING!! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY-THING LIKE IT!!
KLATTA
KLAT
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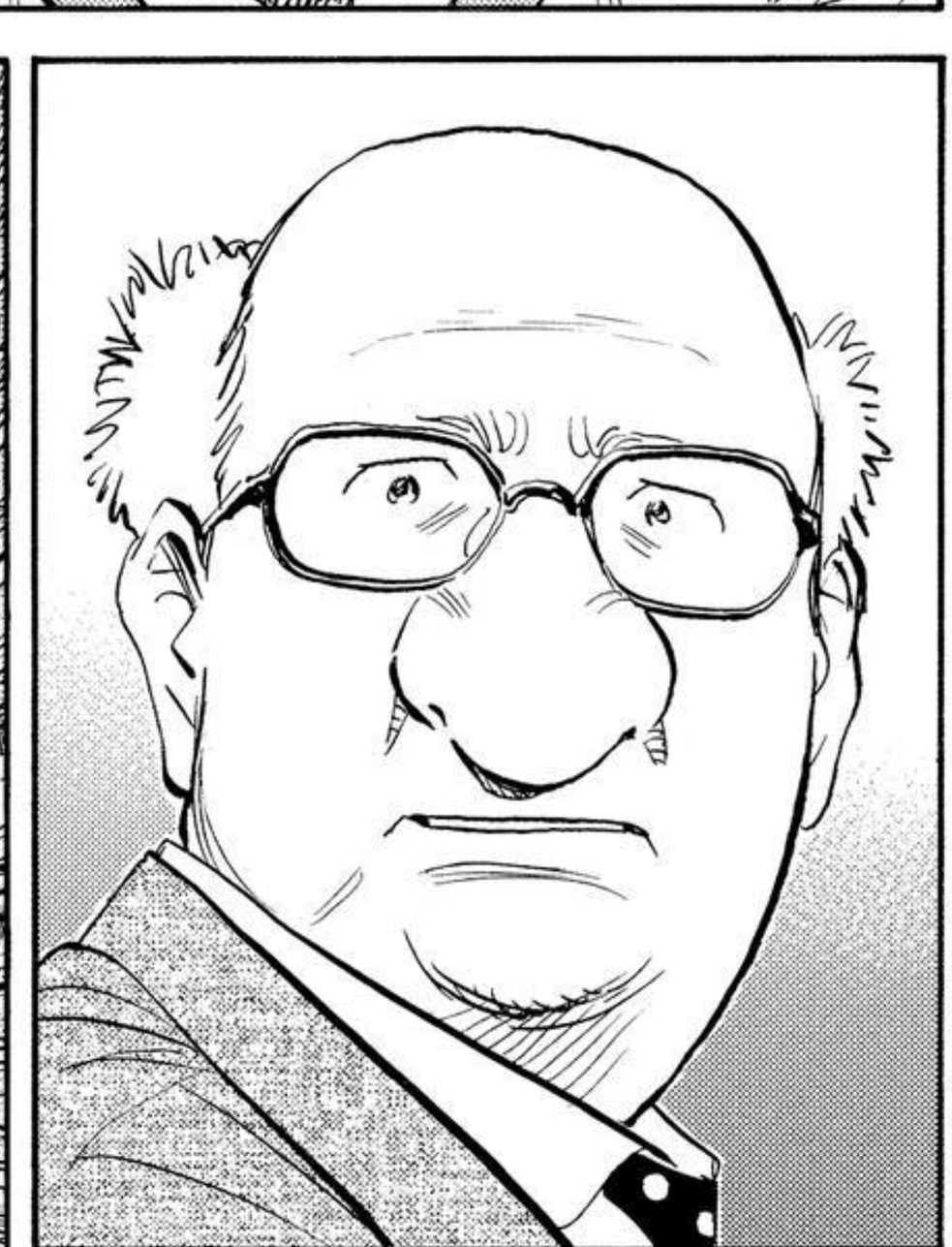
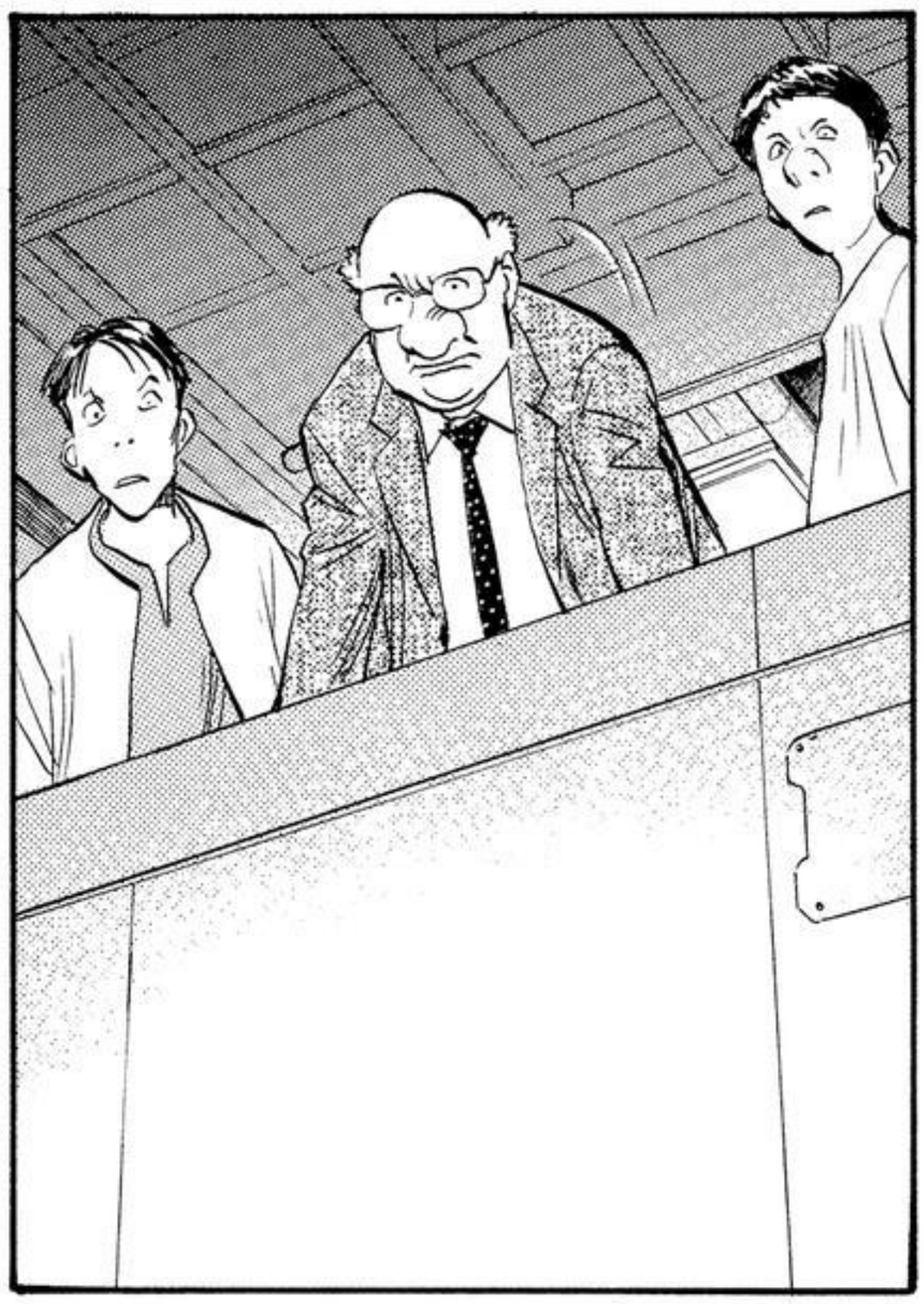
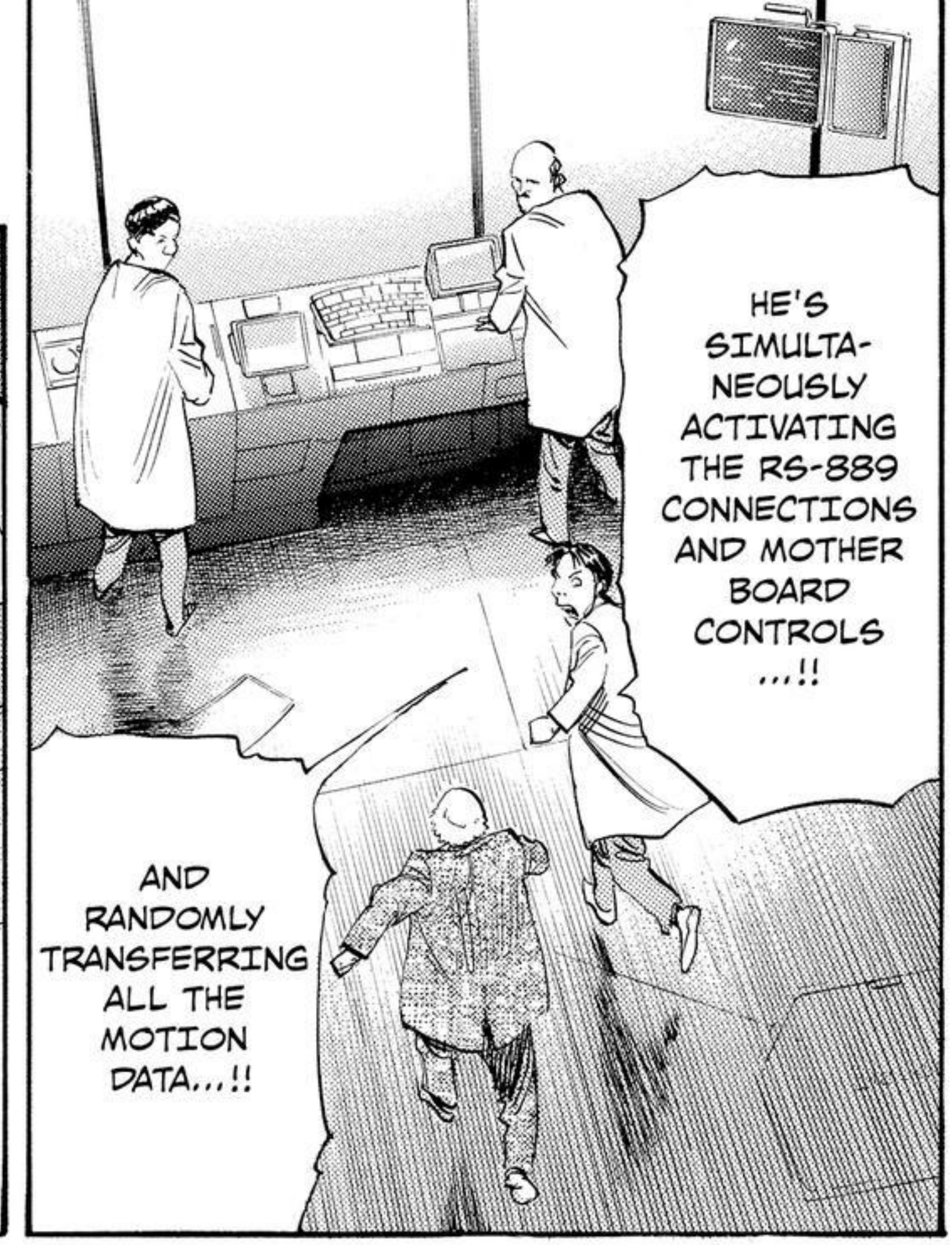
N-8







RELEASE TROY 647K SHIELD!!

VWRRR—

VWRRR—

VWRRR—

KLATTA

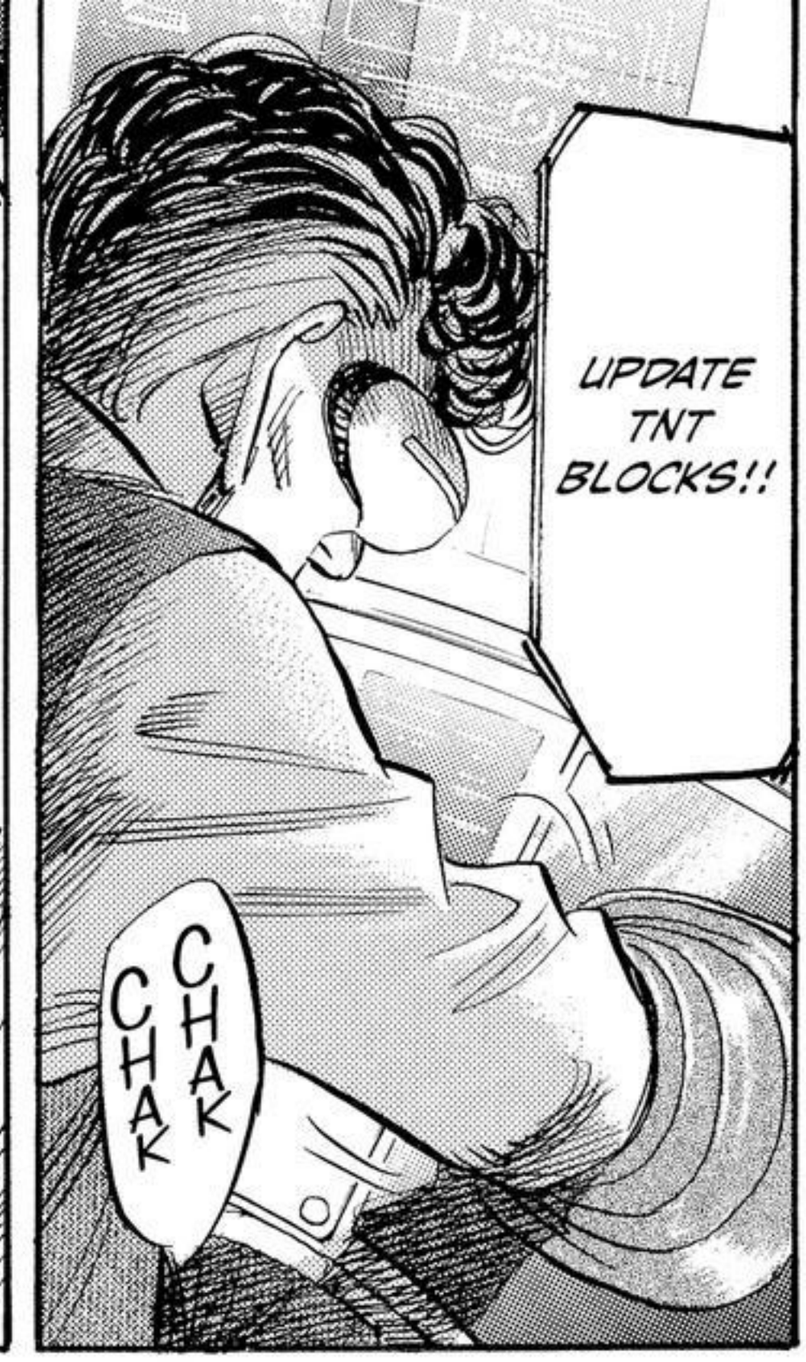
KLAT

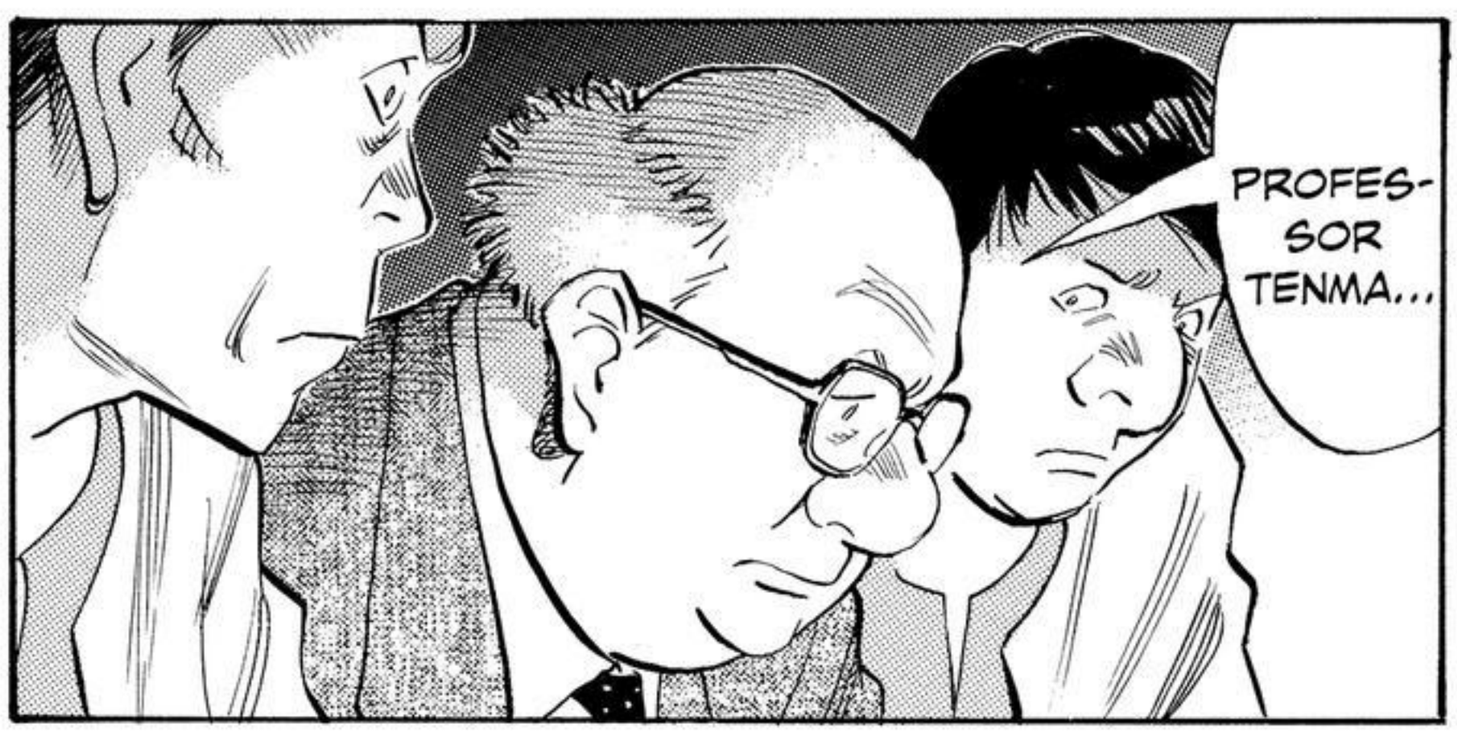
BLIP BLIP BLIP—

KLATTA

OUTPUT H2K-4380 DATA!!

PUT ALL BBQ LINES ON AUTO-CONTROL!!
BLIP BIP BIP BIP BIP
BEEP BEEP

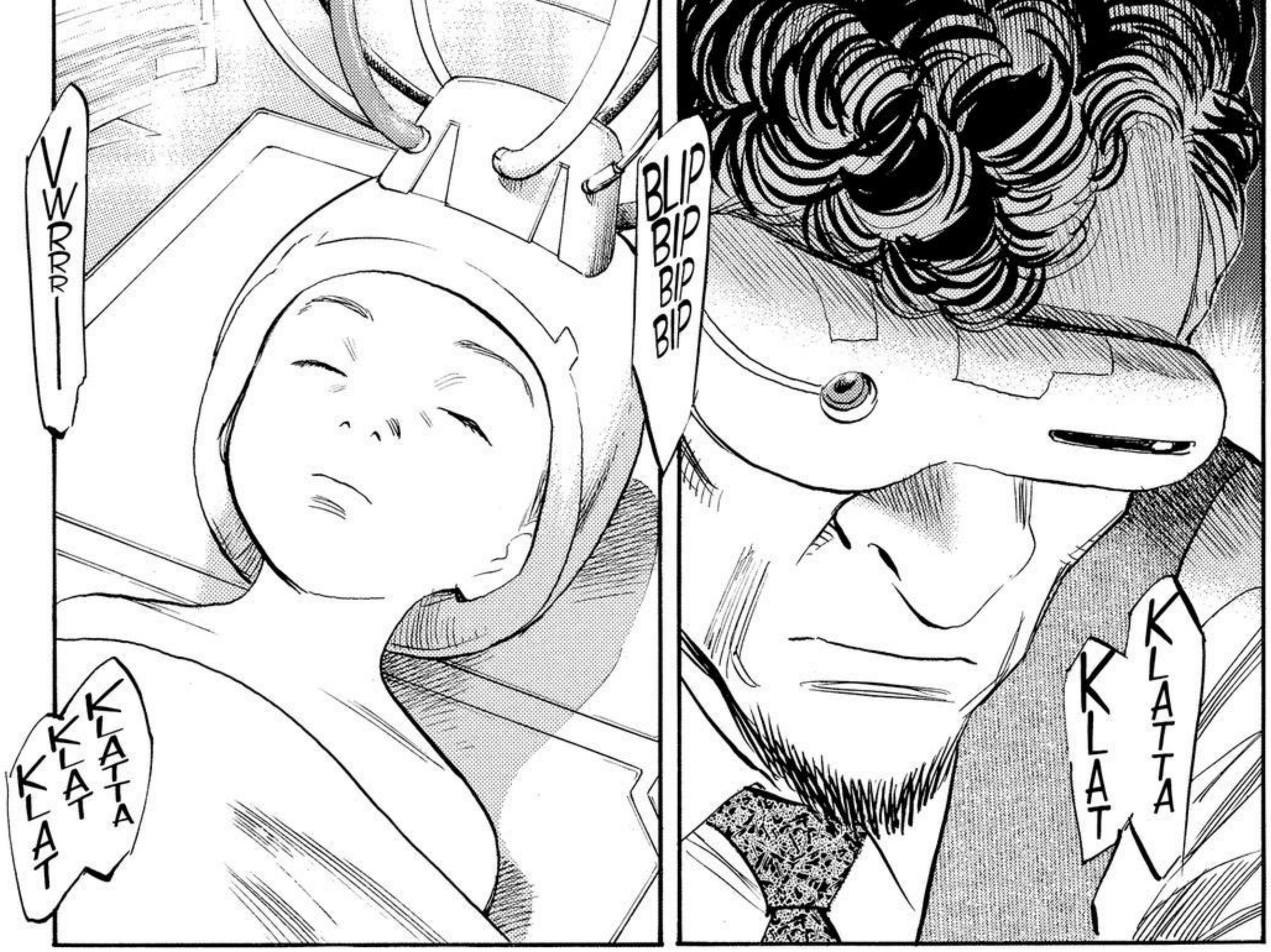

UPDATE TNT BLOCKS!!
CHAK CHAK

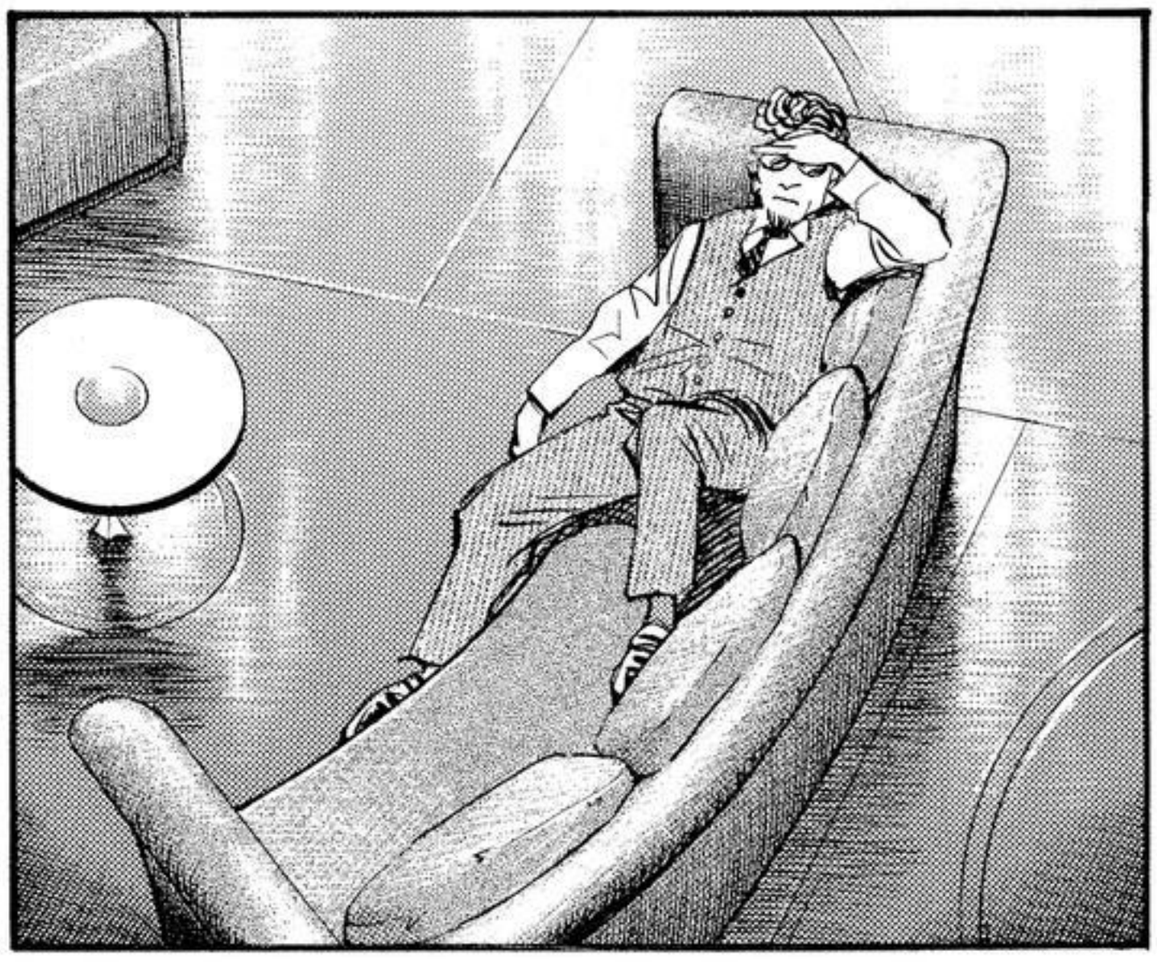

PROFES-SOR TENMA...

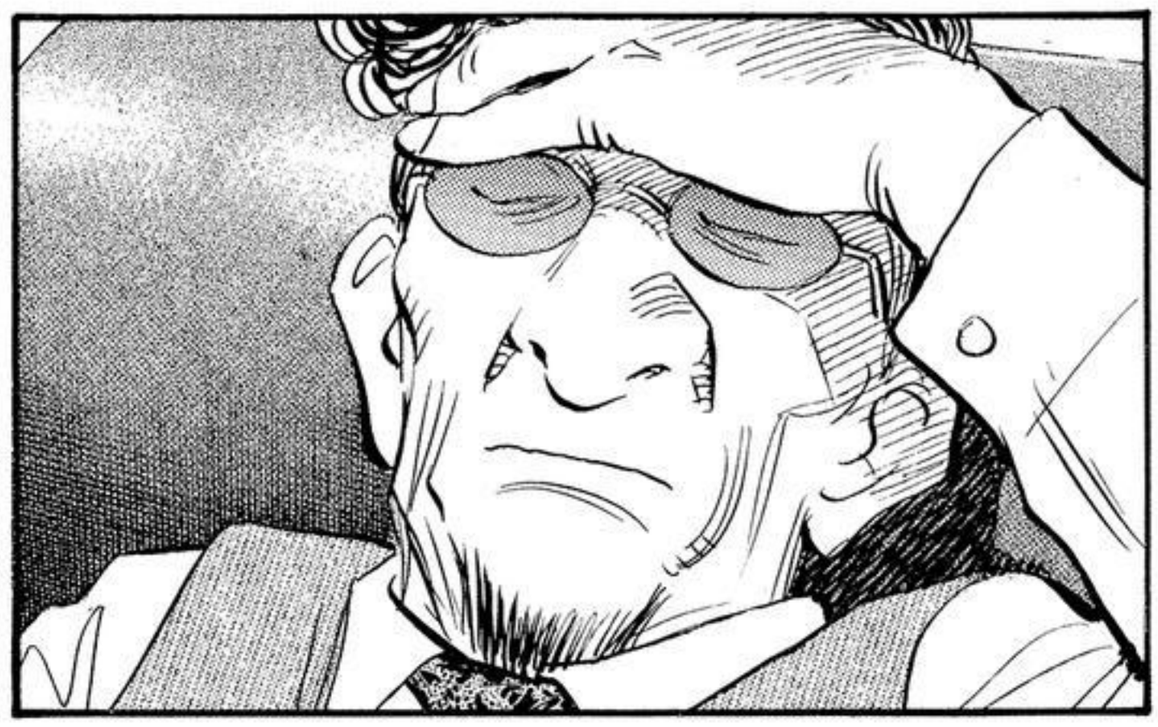
SO THIS IS HOW A TRUE GENIUS WORKS, HUH?

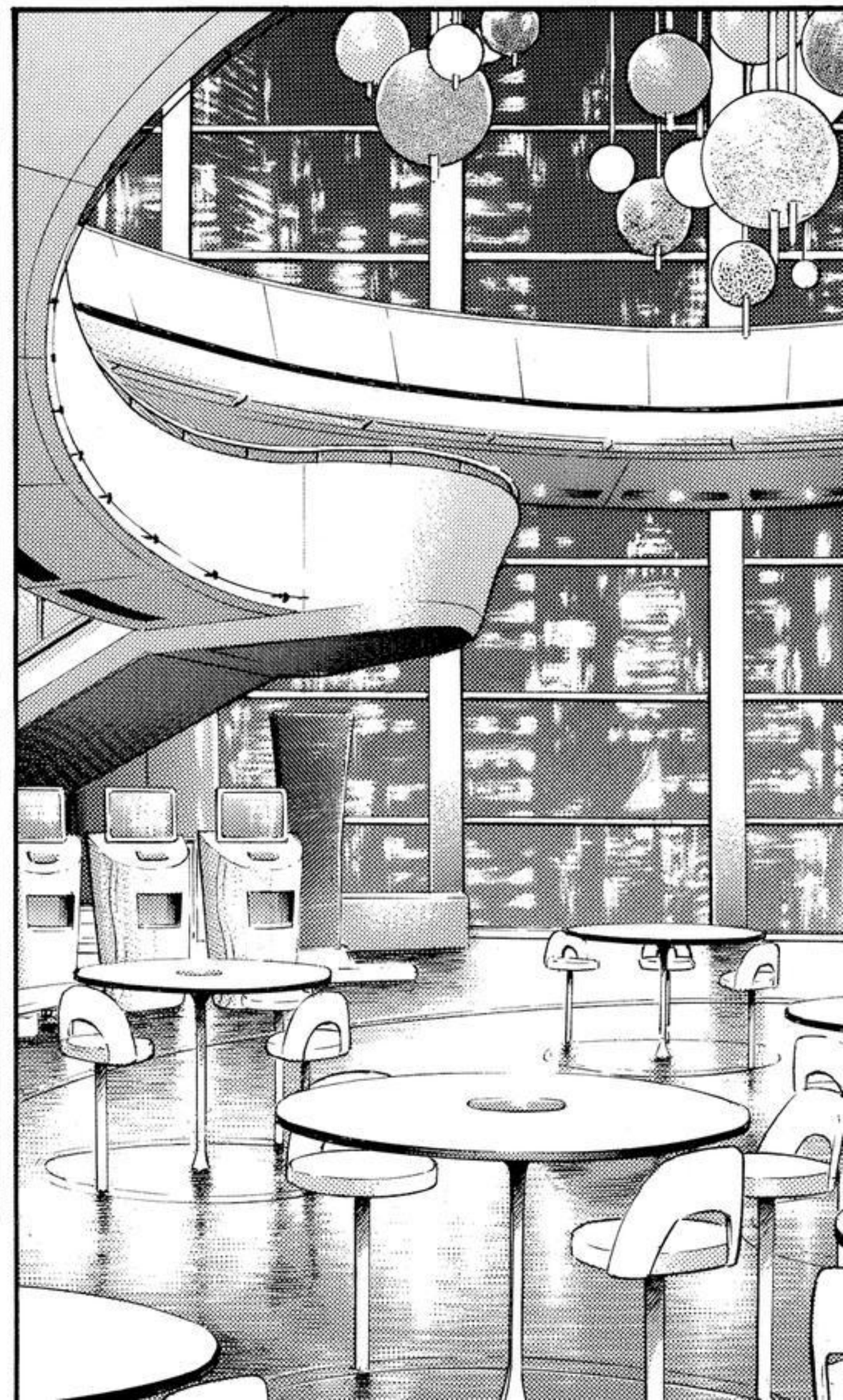
I *KNEW* YOU WOULDN'T LET US DOWN...
I JUST KNEW IT!
KLATTA
BLIP BLIP BLIP BEEP

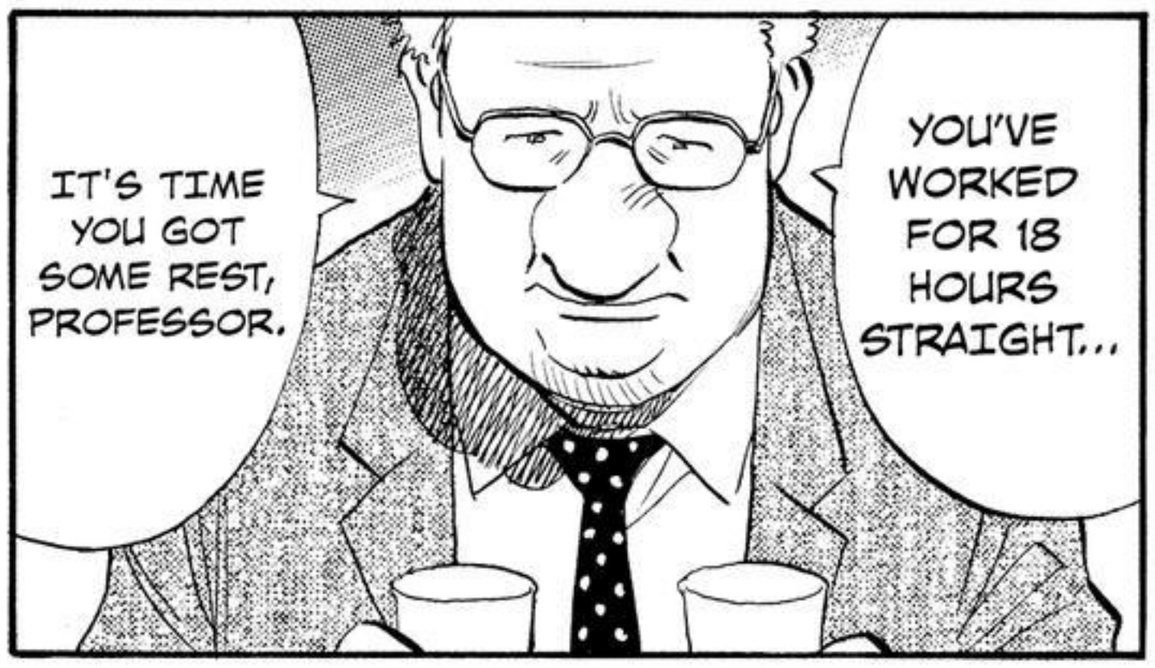
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID YOU JUST CAME TO SAY GOODBYE...


VWRRR——
BLIP BIP BIP BIP
KLAT KLAT KLATTA
KLAT KLATTA

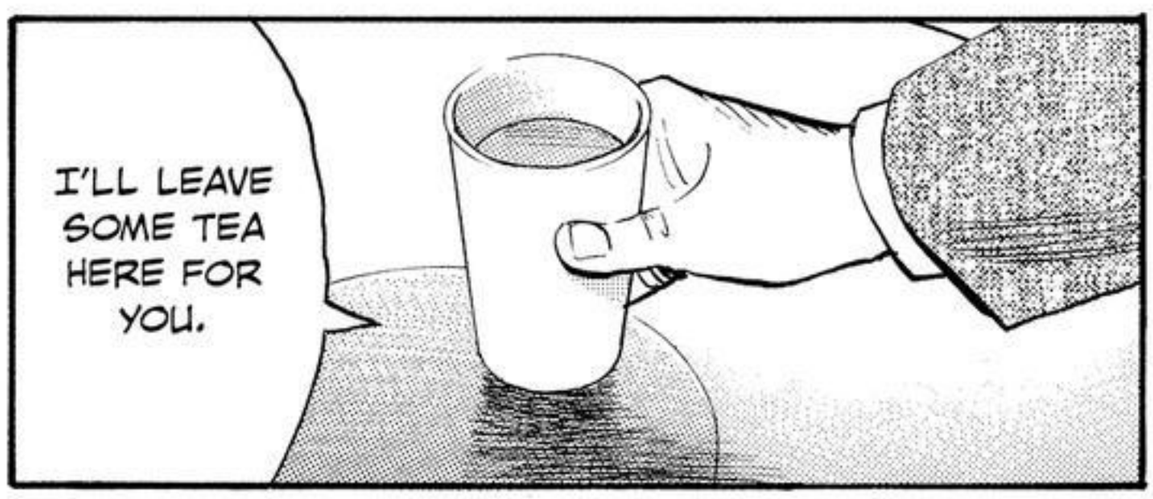




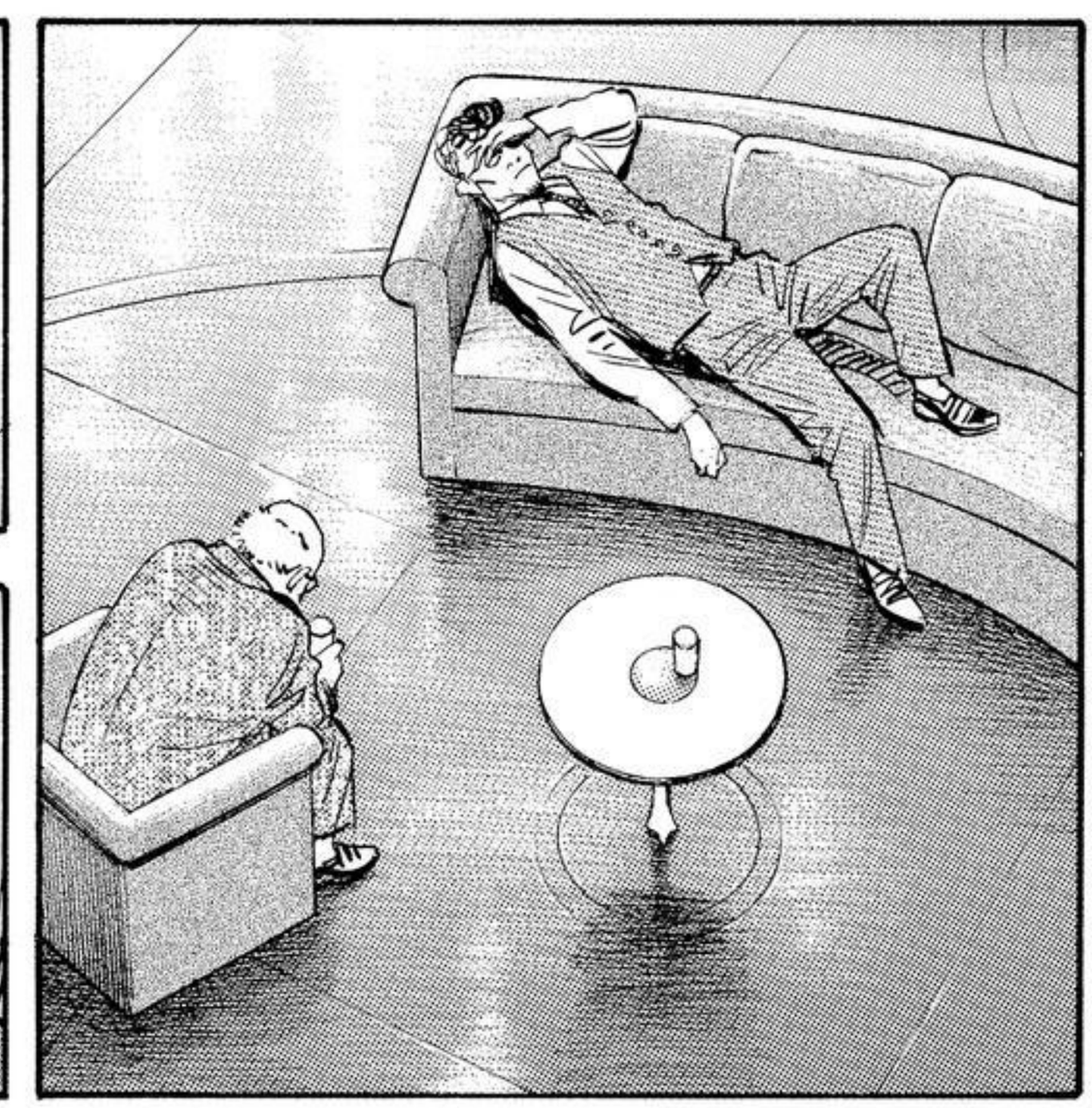


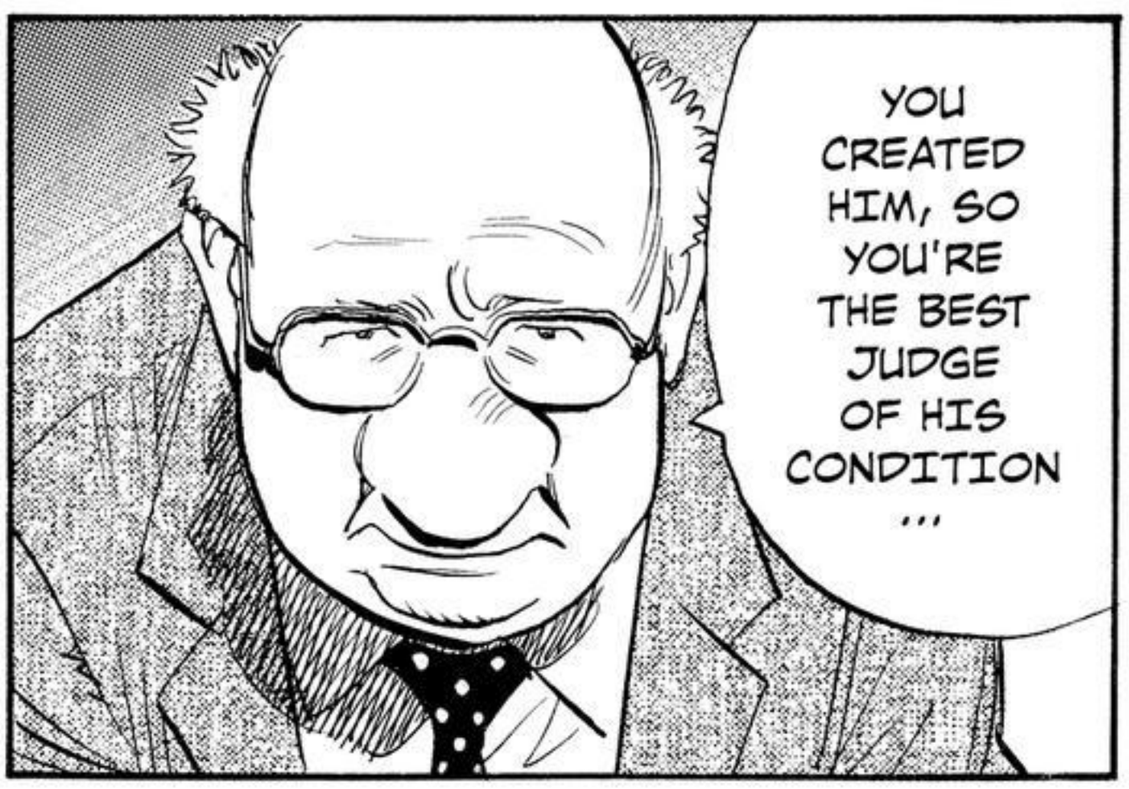

IT'S TIME YOU GOT SOME REST, PROFESSOR.
YOU'VE WORKED FOR 18 HOURS STRAIGHT...

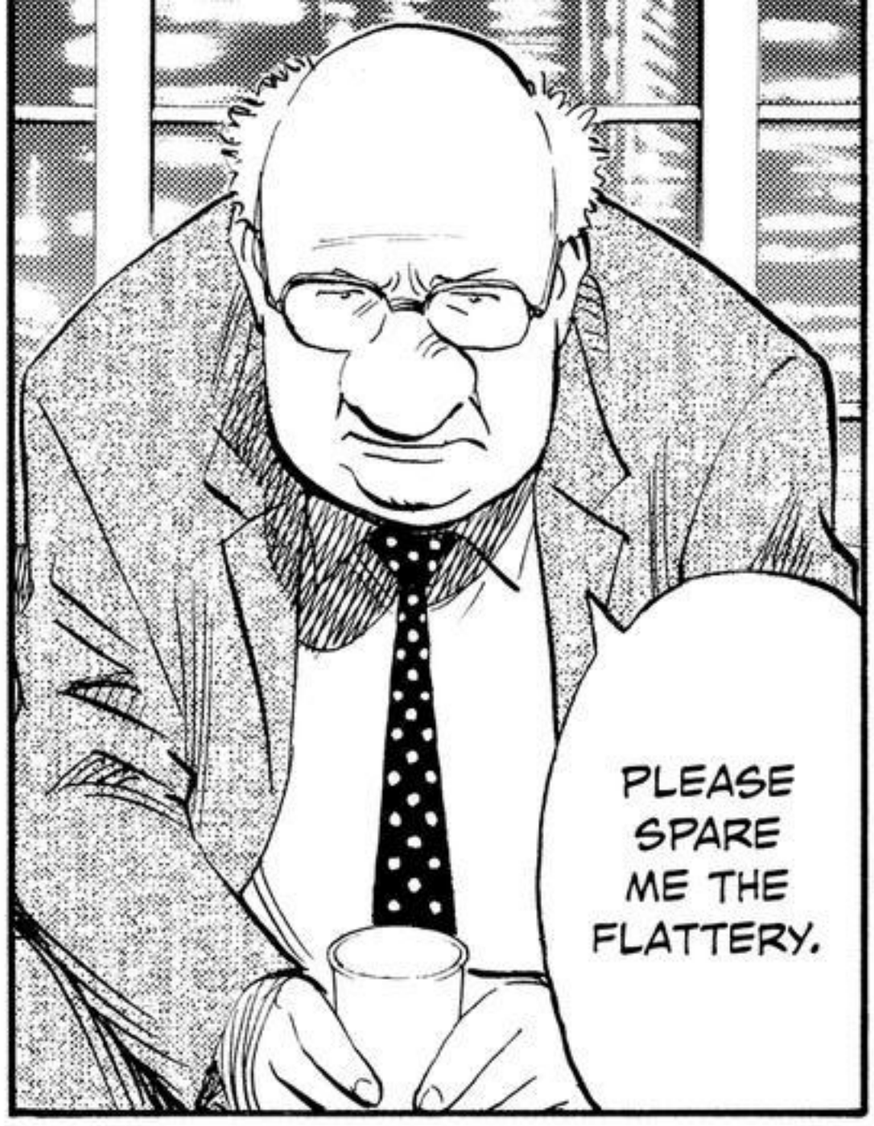
YOU OKAY?

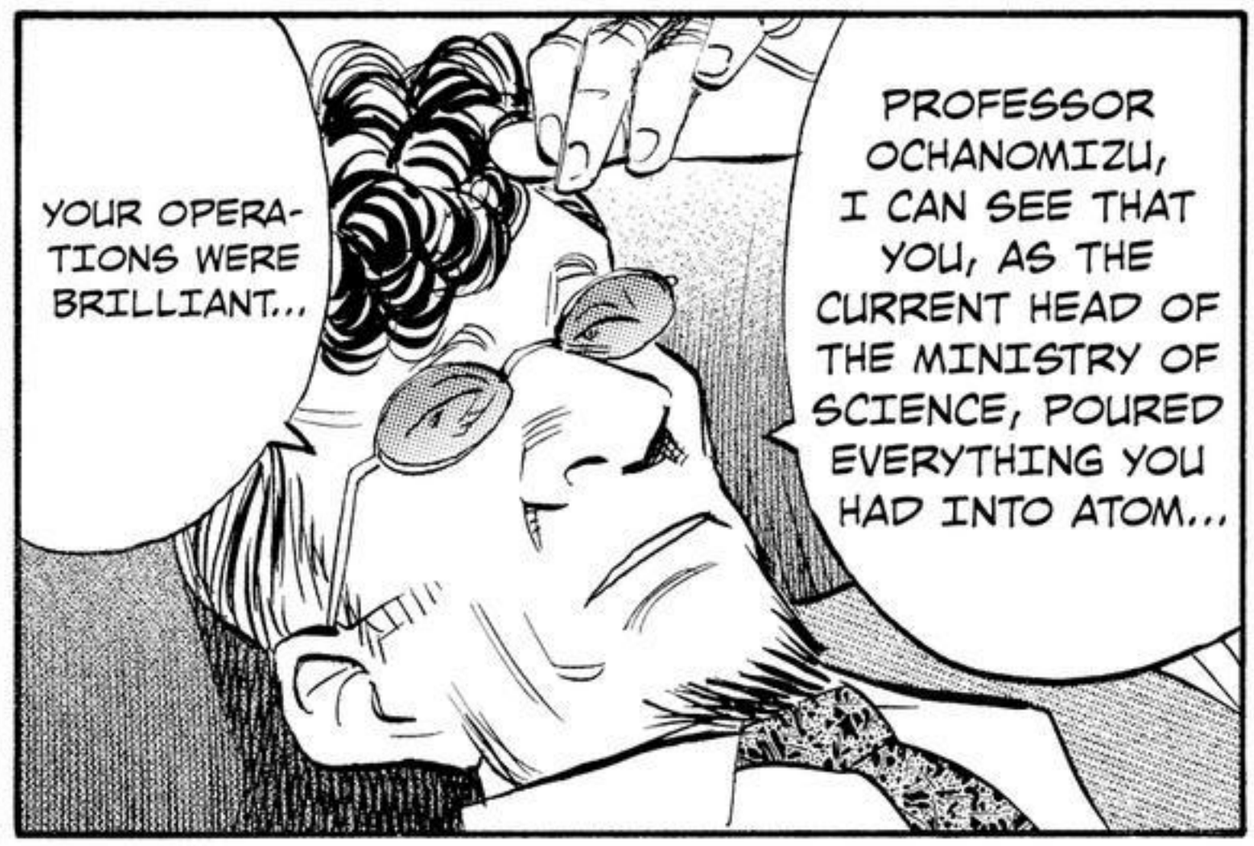

I'LL LEAVE SOME TEA HERE FOR YOU.

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK? ABOUT ATOM, I MEAN...

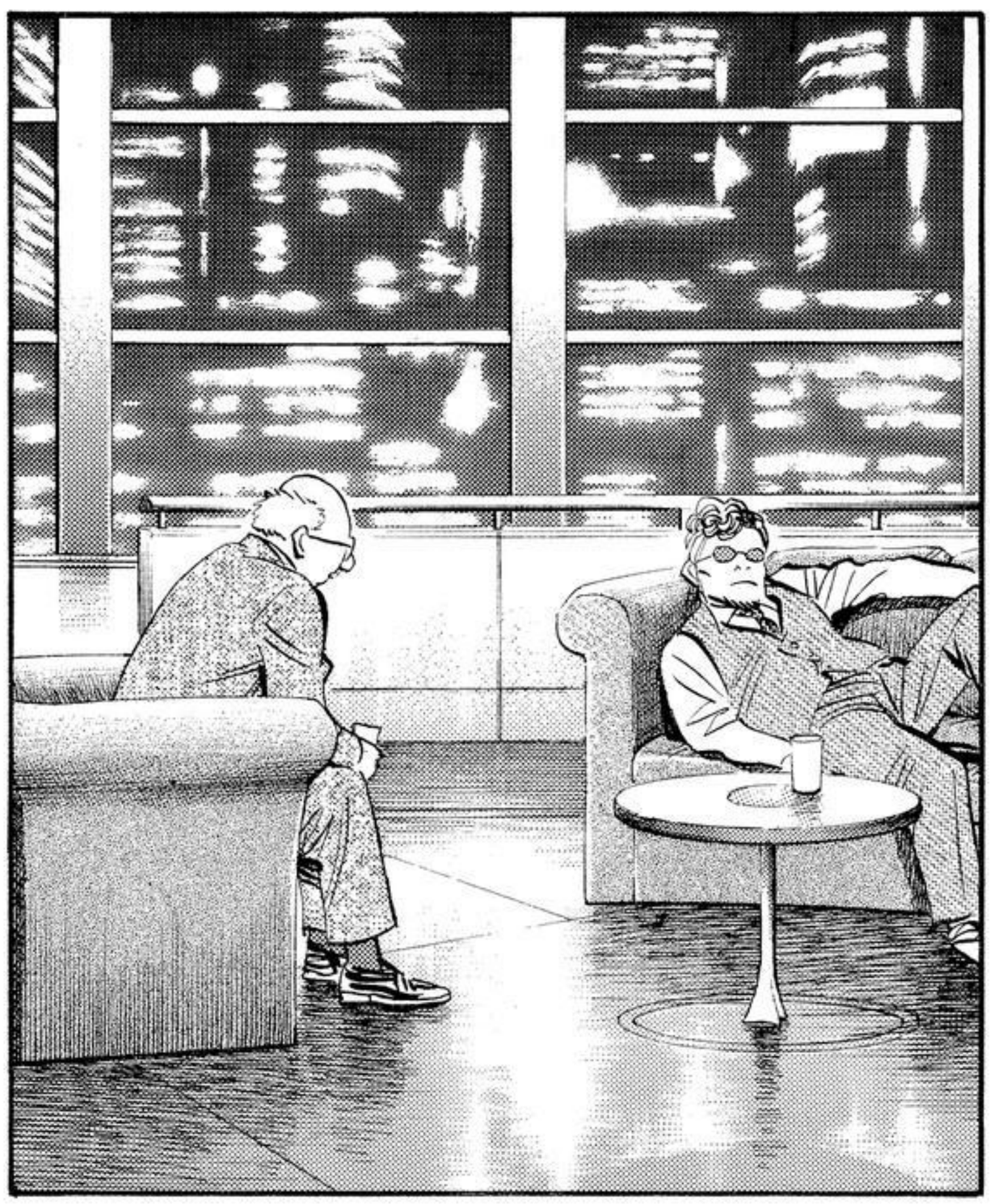



YOU CREATED HIM, SO YOU'RE THE BEST JUDGE OF HIS CONDITION ...

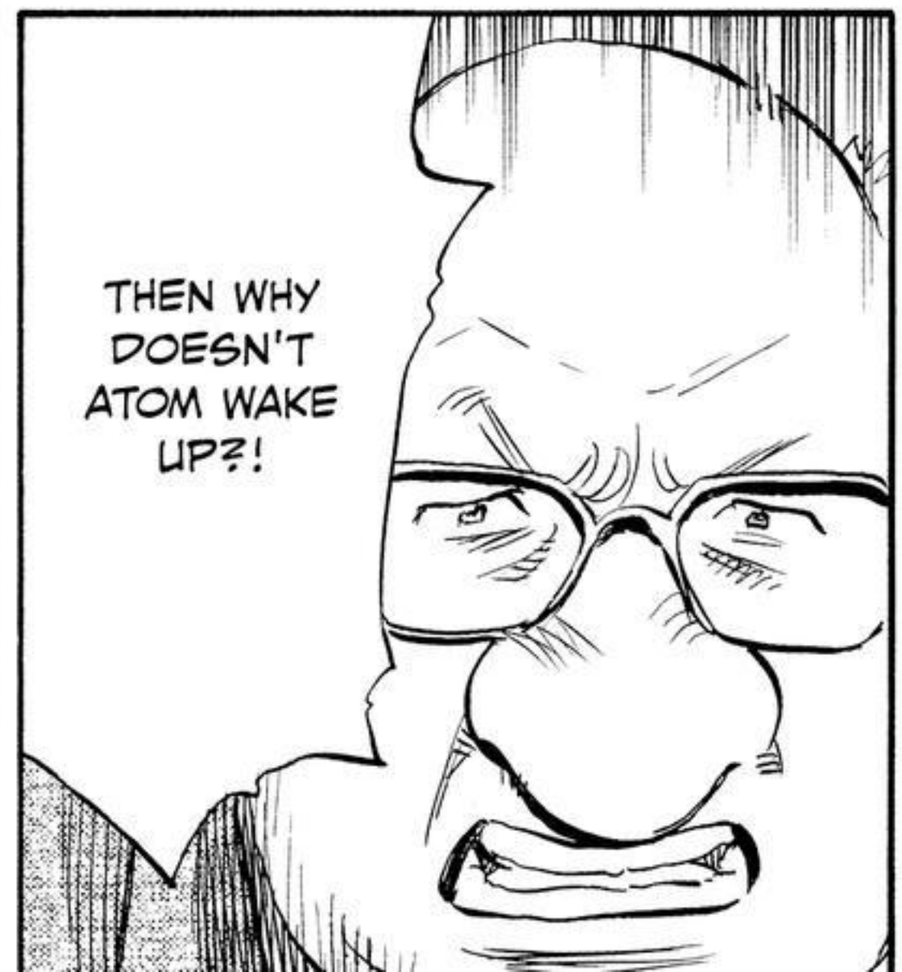

PLEASE SPARE ME THE FLATTERY.

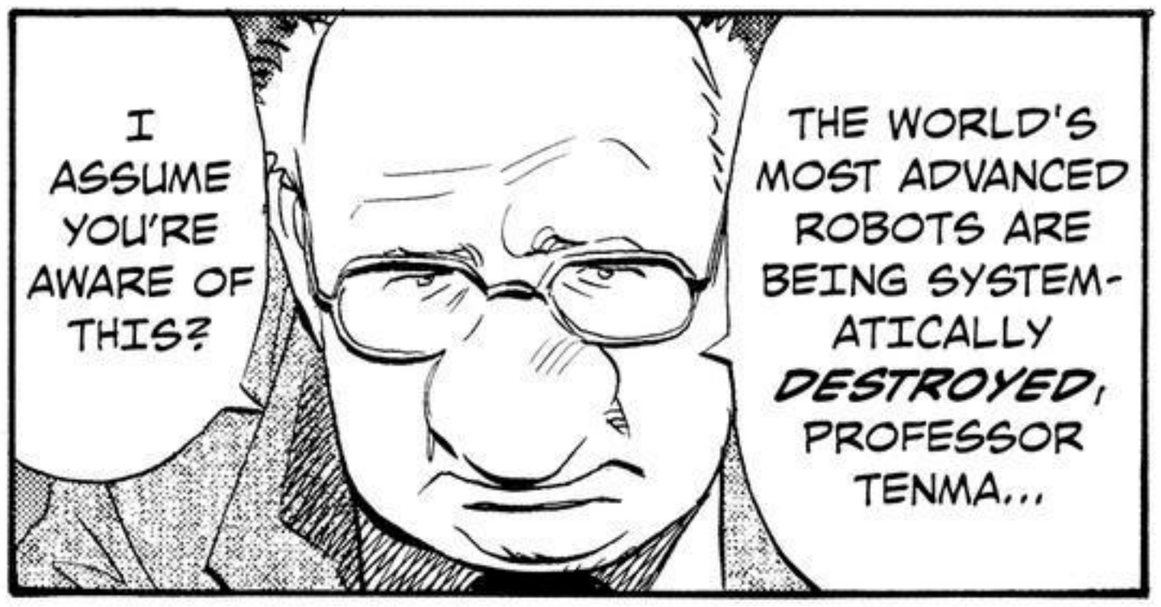

YOUR OPERATIONS WERE BRILLIANT...
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU, I CAN SEE THAT YOU, AS THE CURRENT HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, POURED EVERYTHING YOU HAD INTO ATOM...

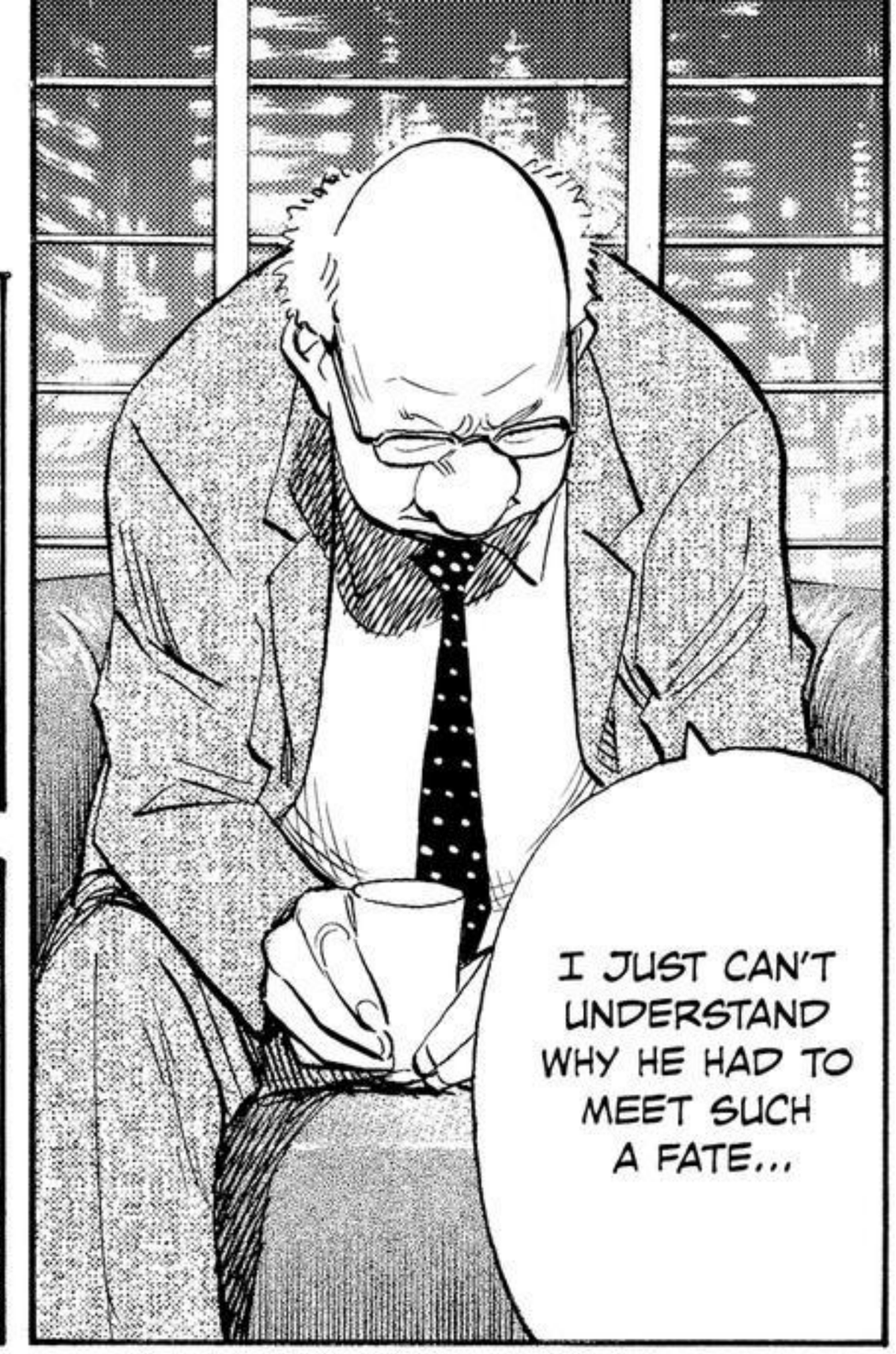
NOR IN THE ARTIFICIAL RIGHT BRAIN... DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM IS FINE... EVERYTHING CHECKS OUT.
NO ABNORMALITIES IN HIS ARTIFICIAL HIPPOCAMPUS ...

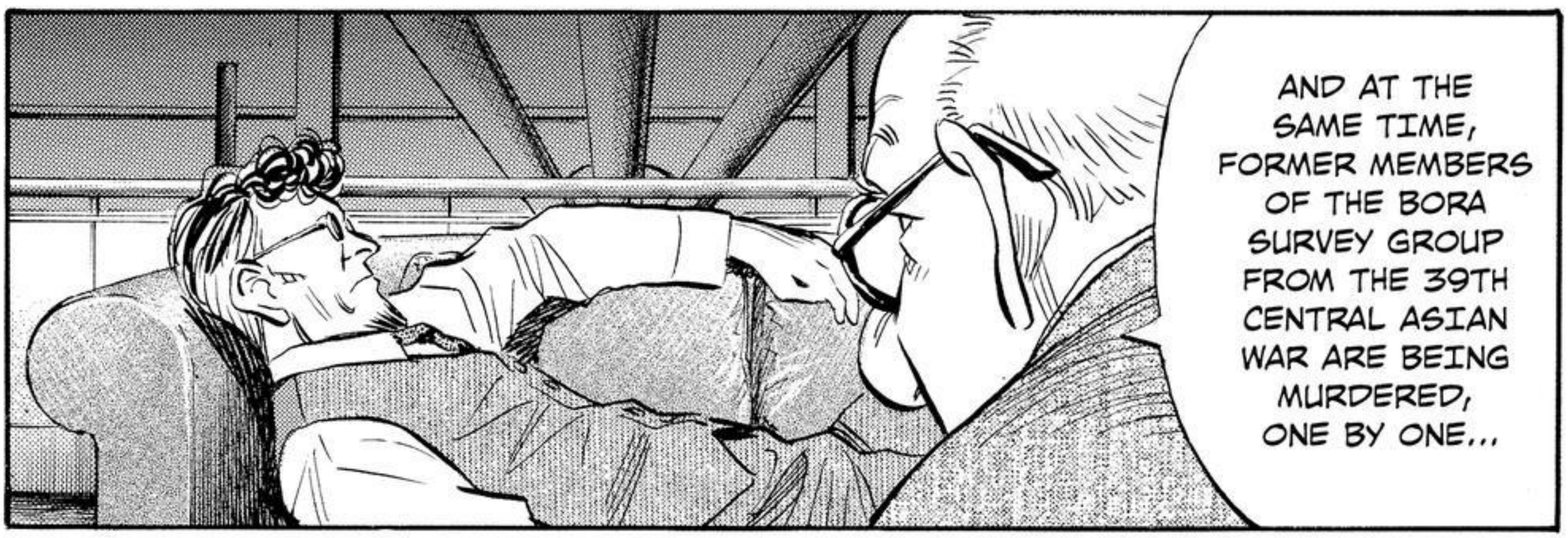


THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR RESUSCITATION PROCEDURES...

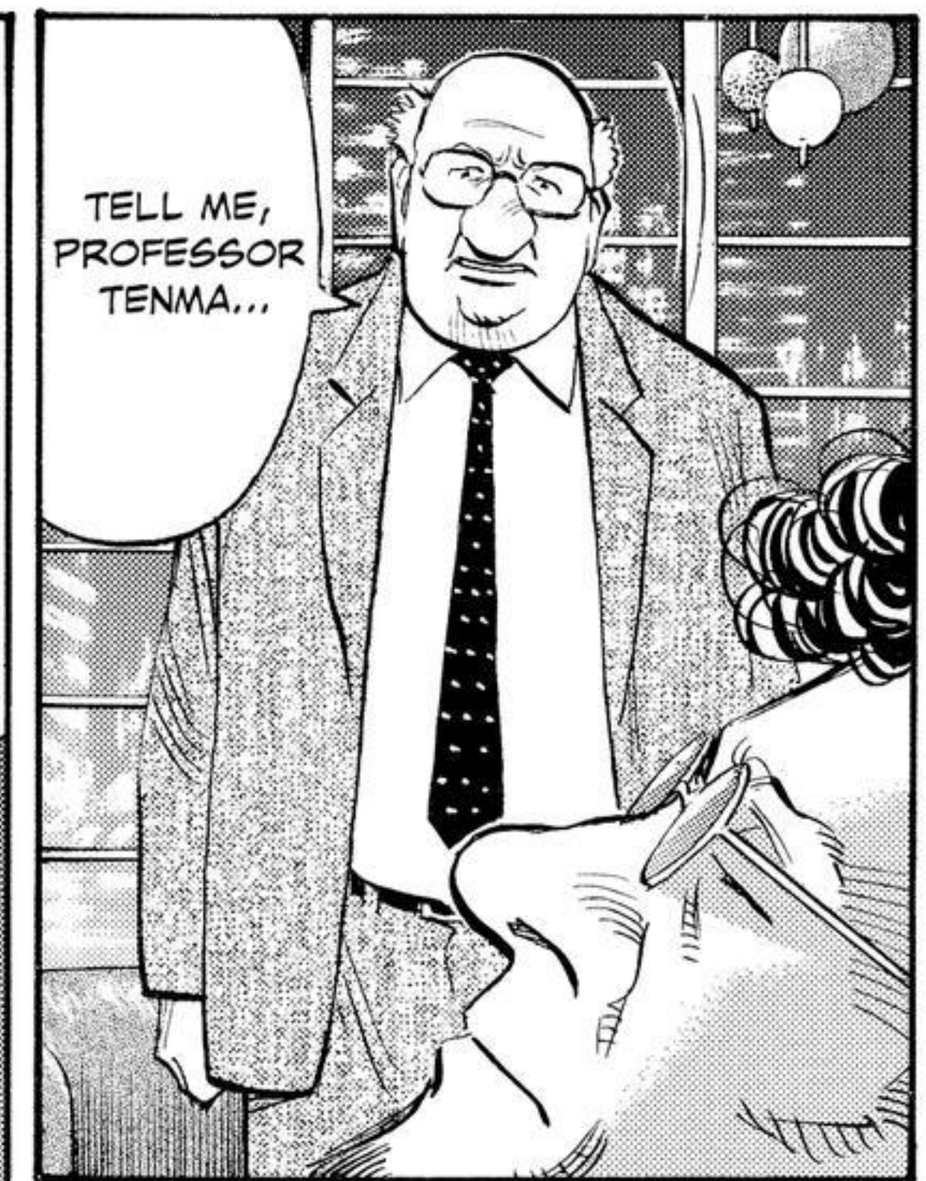

THEN WHY DOESN'T ATOM WAKE UP?!

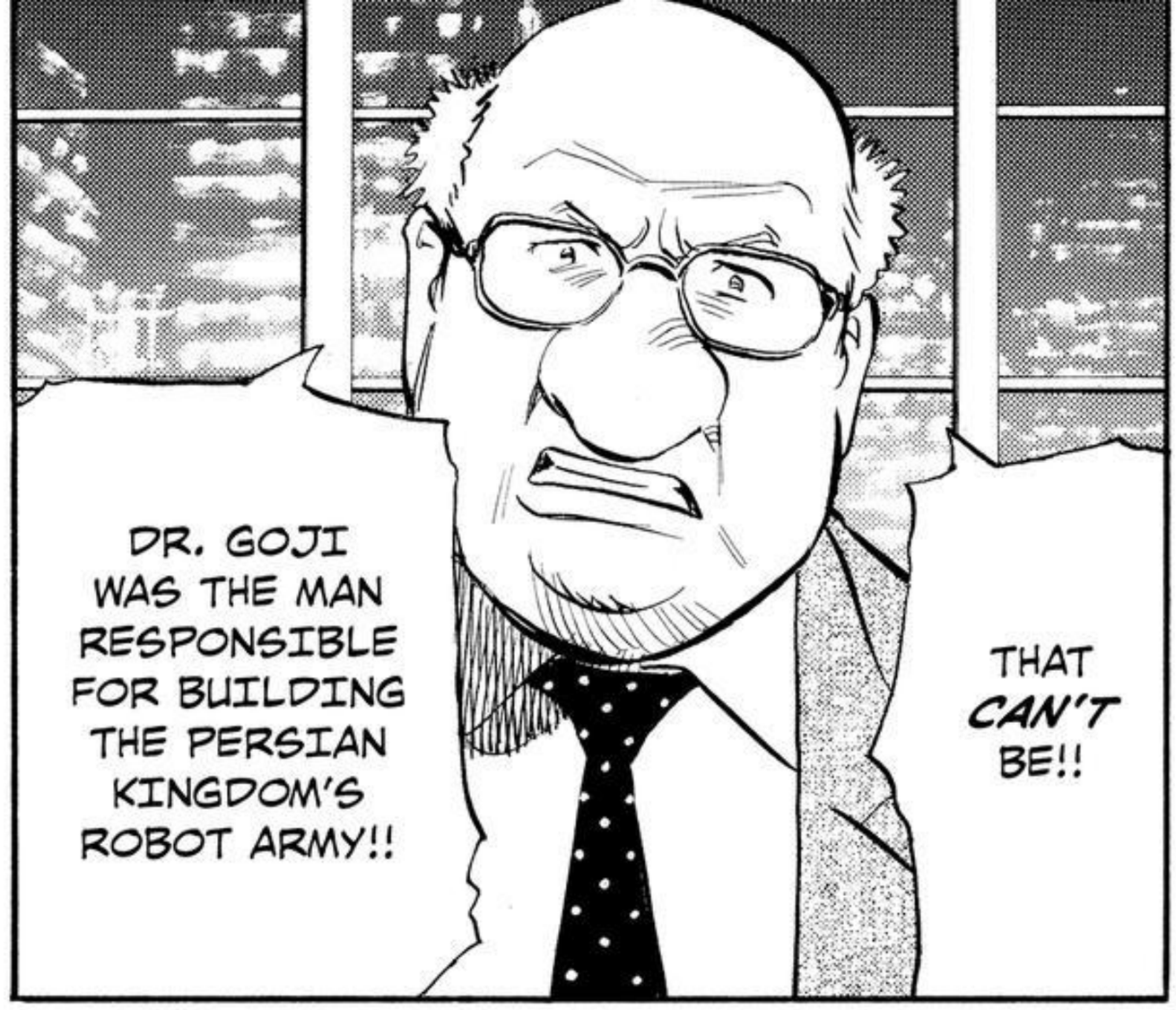

I ASSUME YOU'RE AWARE OF THIS?
THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED ROBOTS ARE BEING SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYED, PROFESSOR TENMA...


I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE HAD TO MEET SUCH A FATE...


AND AT THE SAME TIME, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE BORA SURVEY GROUP FROM THE 39TH CENTRAL ASIAN WAR ARE BEING MURDERED, ONE BY ONE...

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE CALLED GOJI?


TELL ME, PROFESSOR TENMA...


DR. GOJI WAS THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING THE PERSIAN KINGDOM'S ROBOT ARMY!!
THAT CAN'T BE!!

CAN'T SAY I DO.

...WAS IF PERSIA HAD ACQUIRED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED BY YOU, PROFESSOR TENMA! AM I WRONG?!
AND THE ONLY WAY THAT ARMY COULD HAVE BEEN CREATED...

...

I DID NOT DEVELOP MY AI TO BE WASTED ON SOME ROBOT ARMY.

DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

...WOULD BE MORE *NOBLE* AND *PERFECT*!

A ROBOT UTILIZING MY AI...

I ONCE DID CREATE A PERFECT ROBOT...

YOU WANT TO HEAR THE TRUTH, OCHANO-MIZU?

...

...INSISTED ON COMMISSIONING ME TO DO IT, EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HIM IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY COSTLY.

A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL, WHOM I WON'T NAME...

YOU DID?

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK I DID?

...

...THEIR PROGRAMMING IS EXTREMELY COMPLEX, BUT THEY STILL HAVE LIMITATIONS.
IF YOU LOOK AT THE AI IN ALL THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED ROBOTS TODAY, INCLUDING ATOM...

I ANALYZED ALL THE PERSONALITIES IN THE WORLD-- SIX BILLION PEOPLE-- AND I CREATED A SINGLE PROGRAM TO SIMULATE THEM ALL.

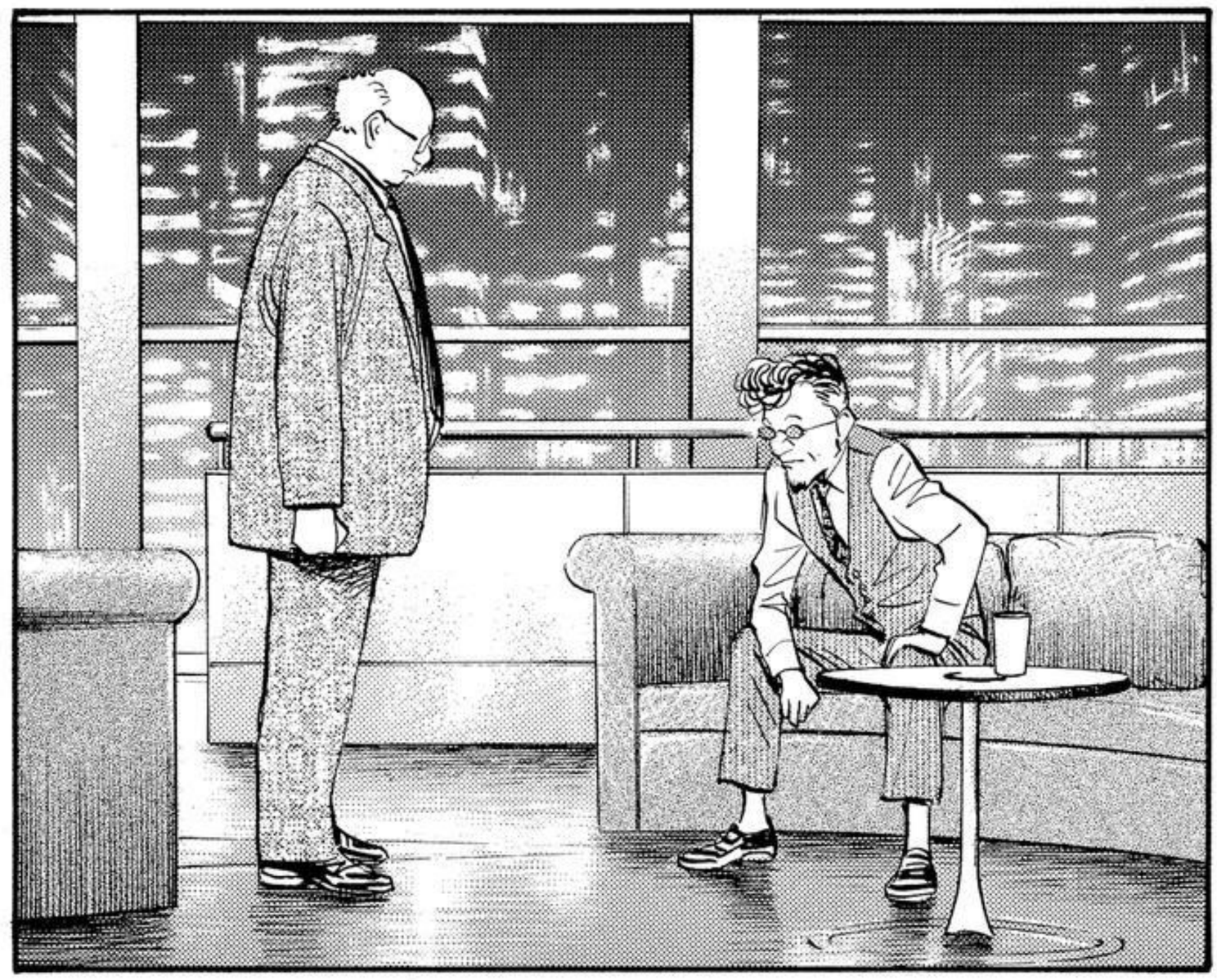
BRILLIANT, DON'T YOU THINK?!!
IN OTHER WORDS, I PROGRAMMED ALL THE AVAILABLE POSSIBILITIES INTO ONE SINGLE AI!!

SOMEONE WHO PERSEVERES, WHO STUDIES, WHO IS BRAVE?

YOU WANT AN ANGRY ROBOT, A COWARD, A CRYBABY?

SO THIS ROBOT COULD BE ANYTHING!

HOW ABOUT A GENIUS? OR A MURDERER?



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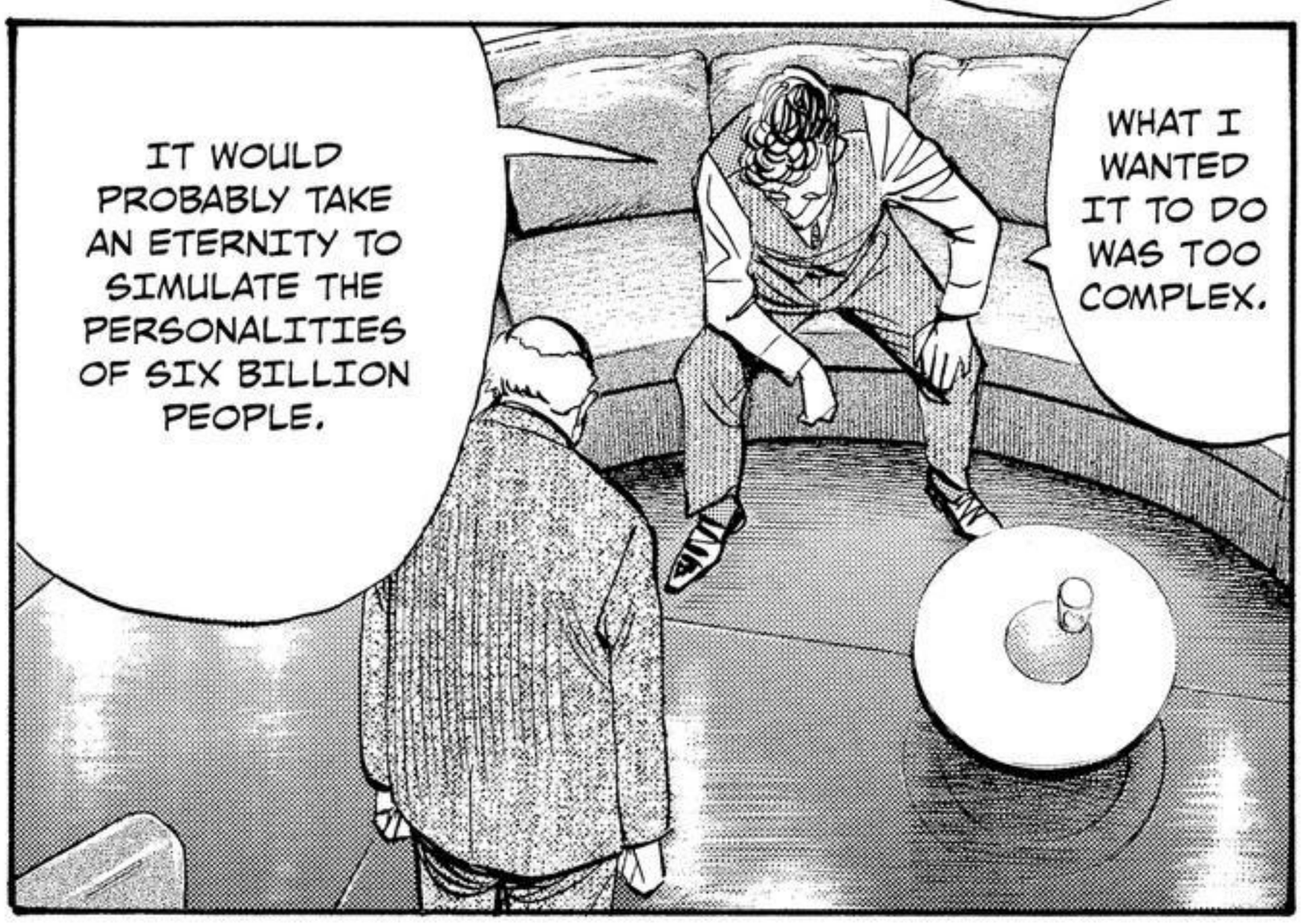
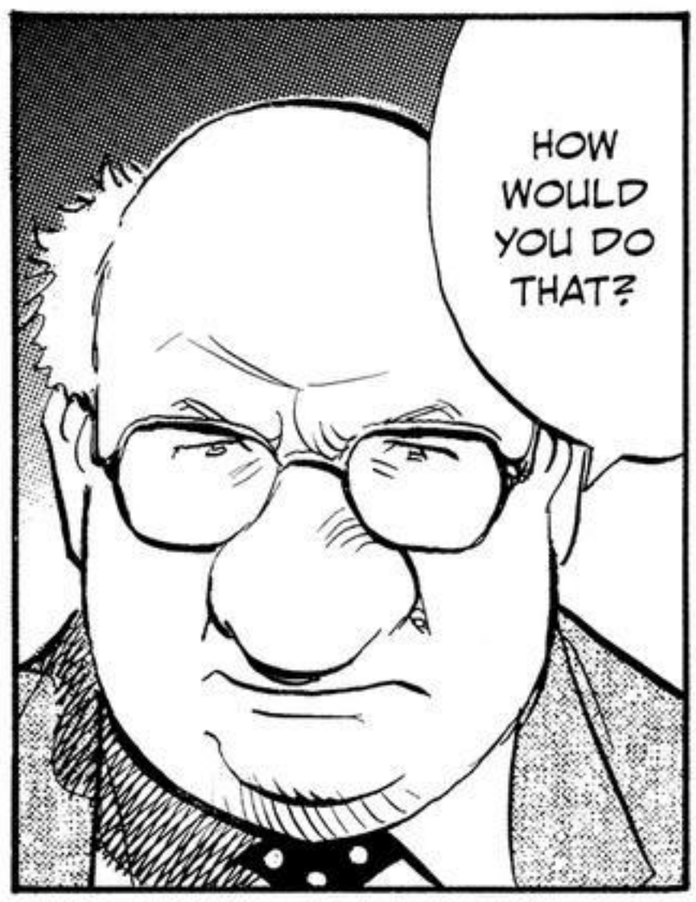


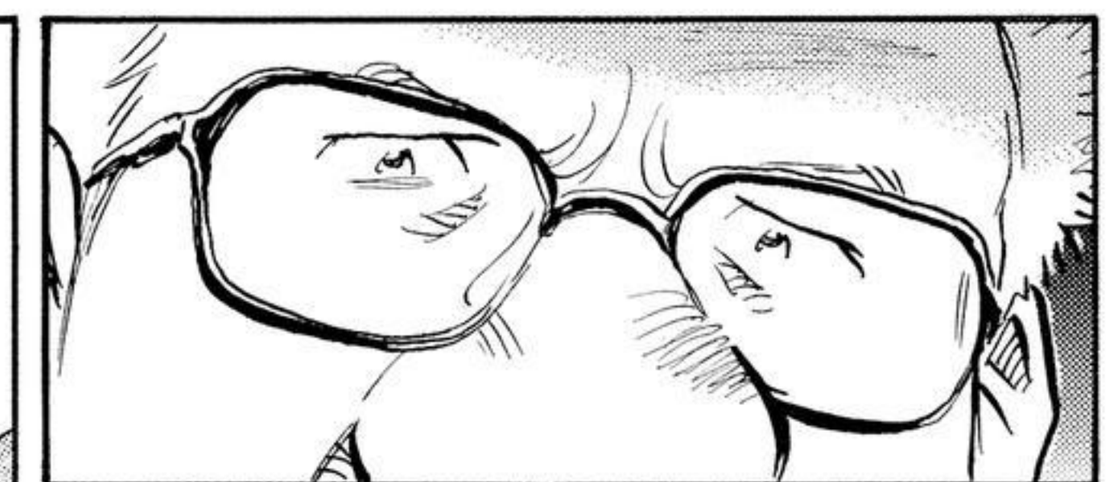

HOW WOULD YOU DO THAT?

ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TO TAKE THE CHAOS OF SIX BILLION IN A SINGLE DIRECTION.
I KNEW THERE WAS A WAY TO MAKE IT WAKE UP THOUGH...

HATRED...
SADNESS...
ANGER...
BY DESTROYING THE BALANCE...

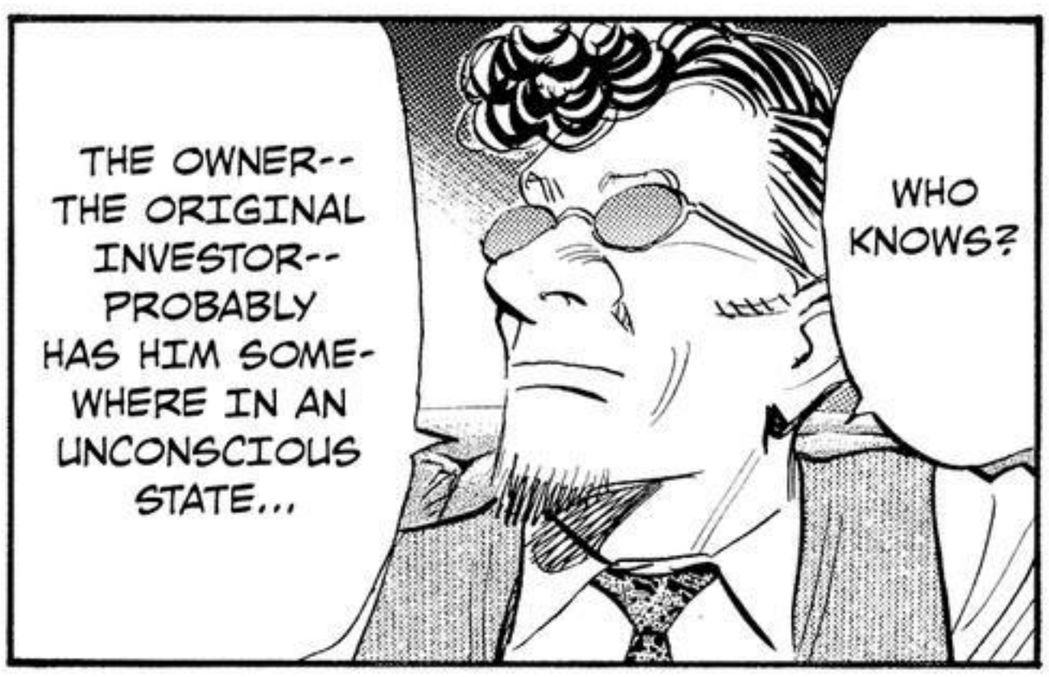
THAT'S RIGHT. CREATE A PROGRAM THAT SIMPLIFIES THE CHAOS.

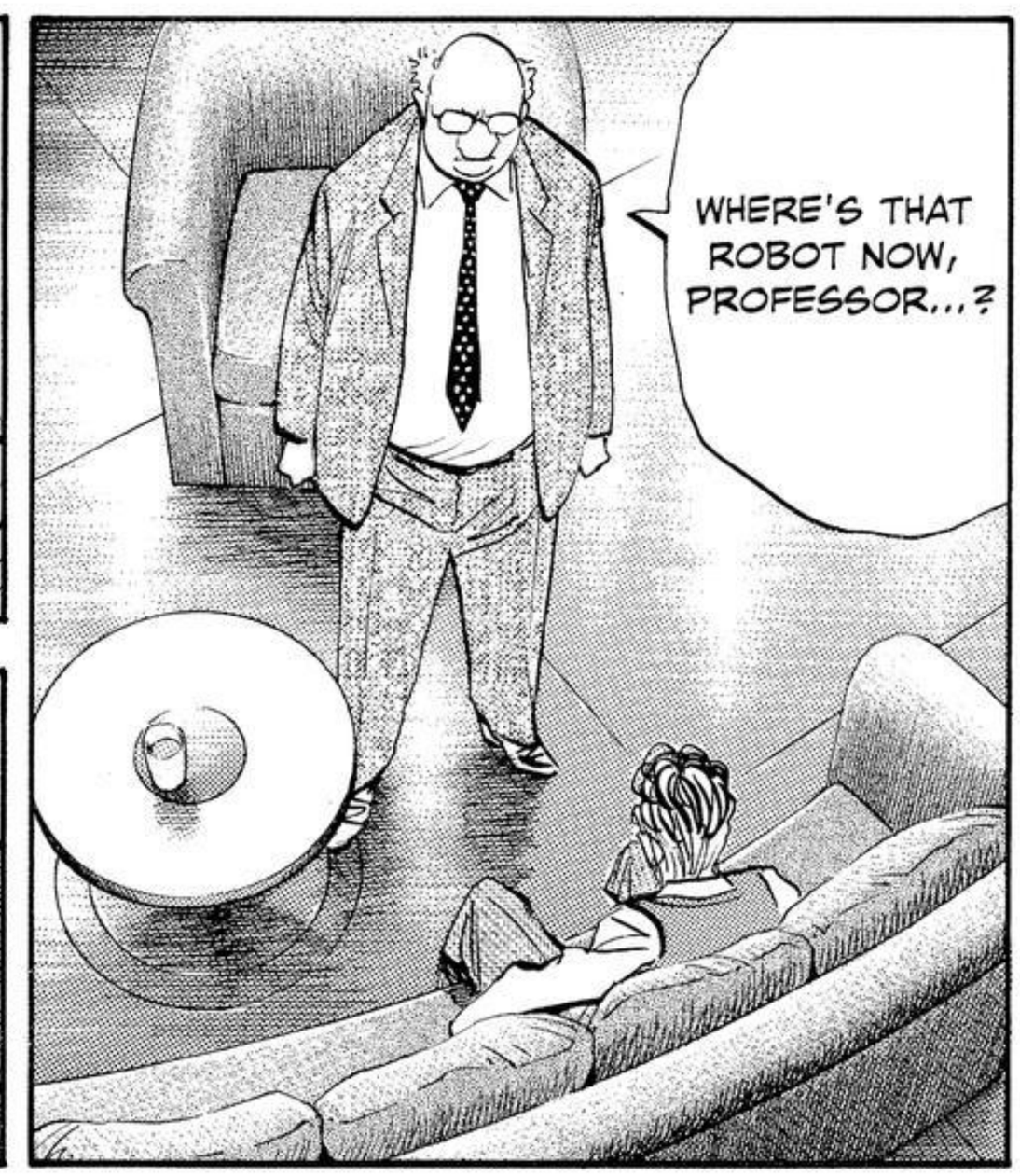
EMOTIONALLY OFF-BALANCE?

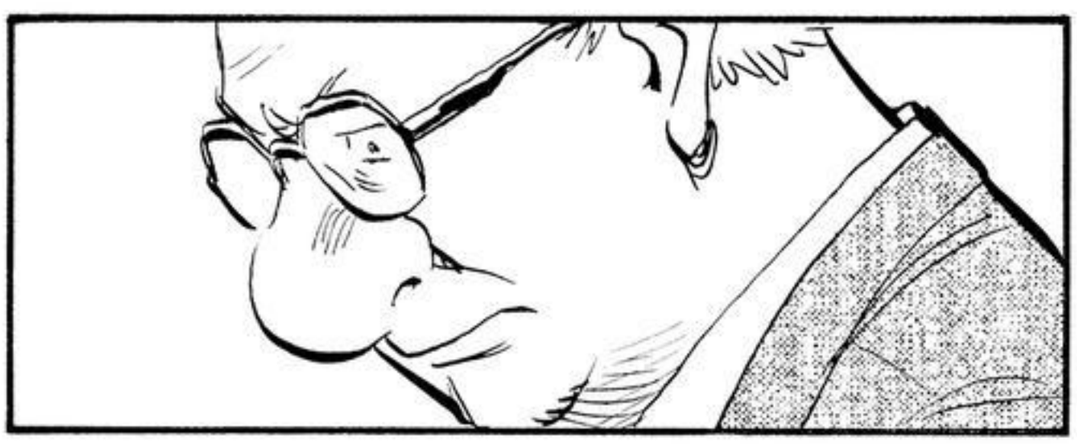


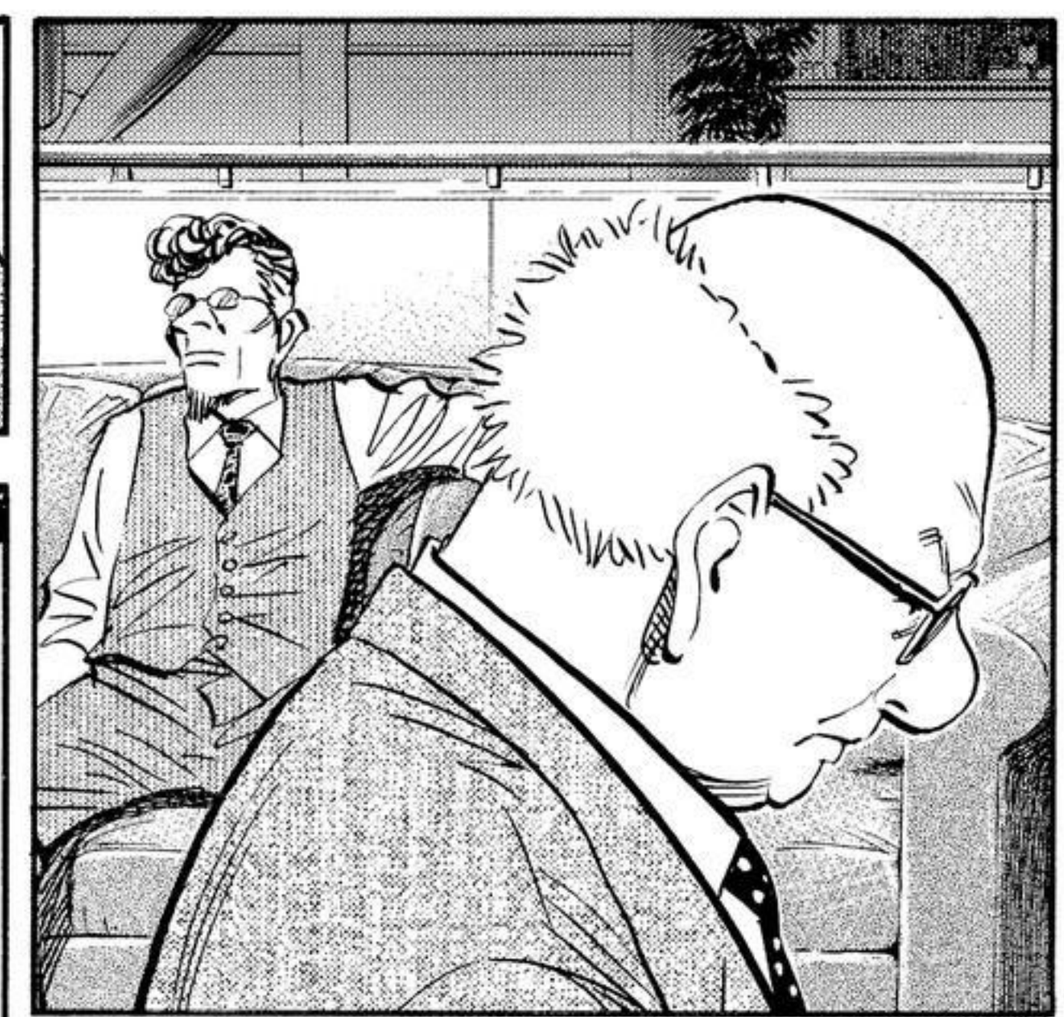
IT JUST REQUIRED THROWING THINGS OFF-BALANCE...

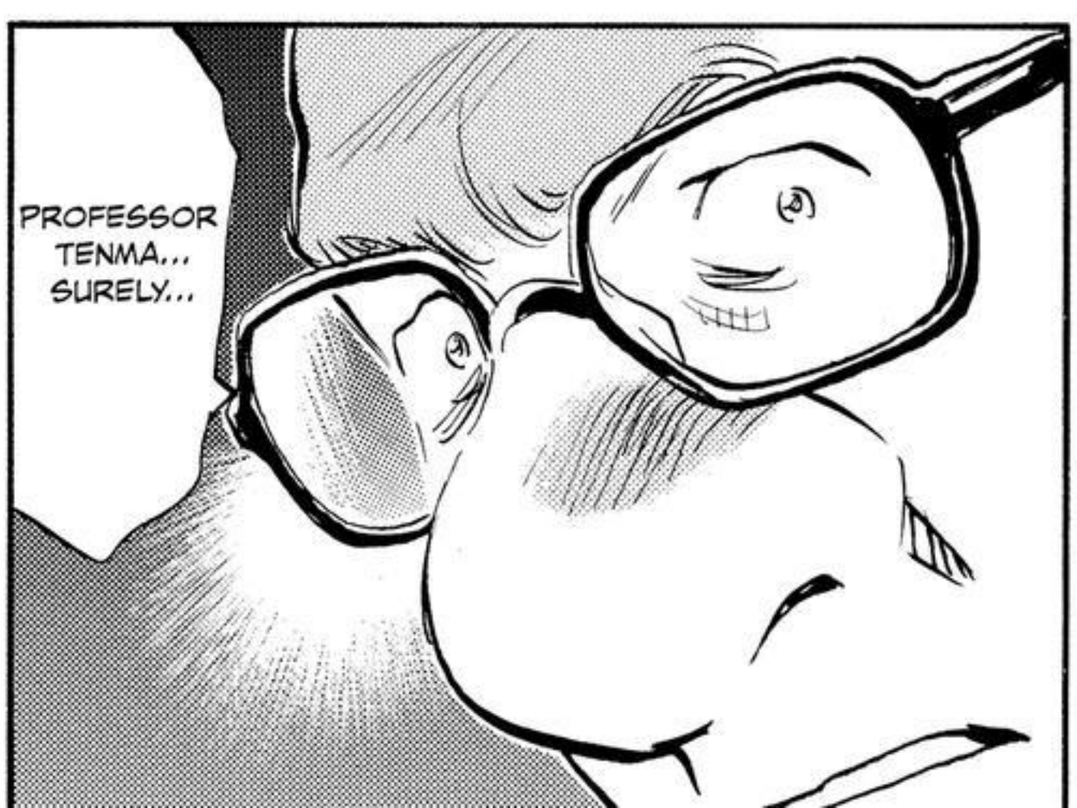
B... BUT IF YOU DID THAT...


THE OWNER-- THE ORIGINAL INVESTOR-- PROBABLY HAS HIM SOME-WHERE IN AN UNCONSCIOUS STATE...
WHO KNOWS?


WHERE'S THAT ROBOT NOW, PROFESSOR...?

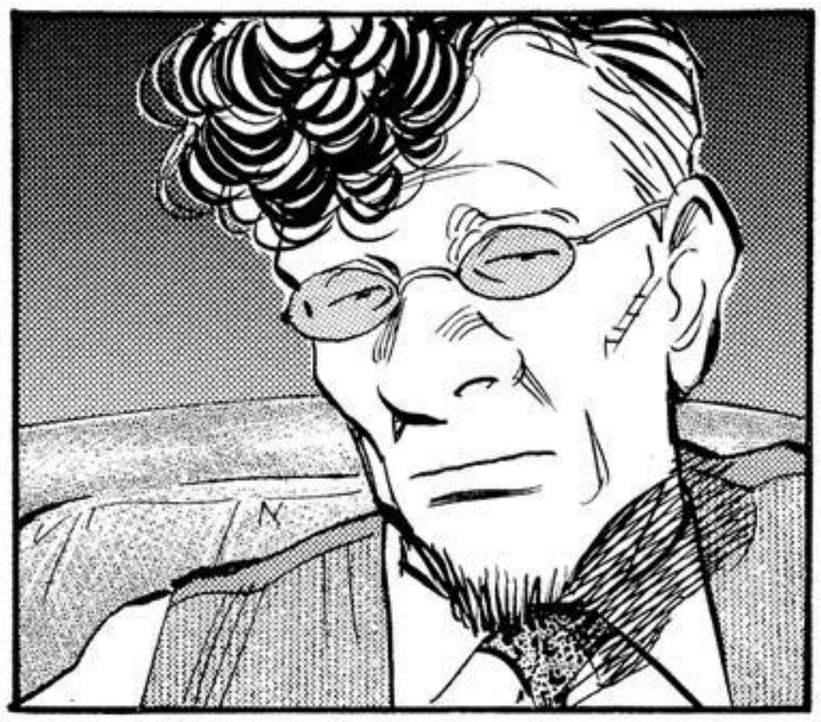


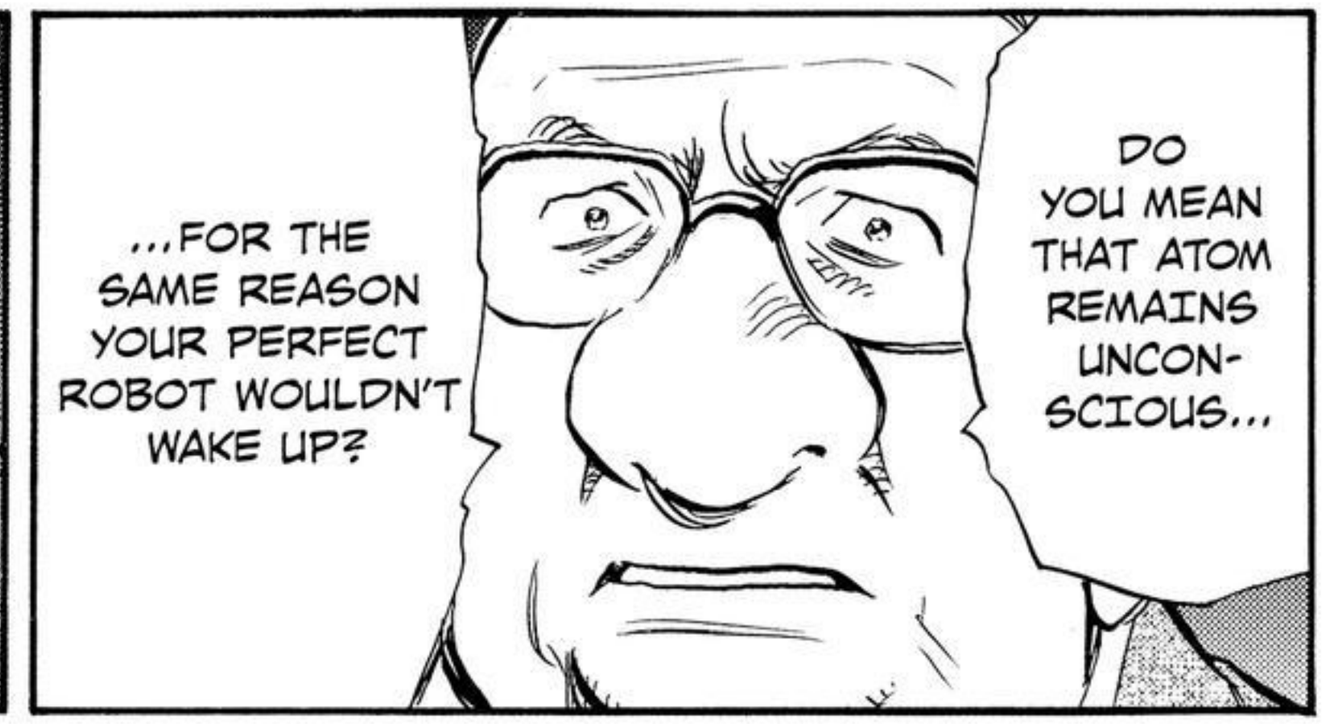



PROFESSOR TENMA... SURELY...

THAT, SENSING SOMETHING INCONCEIVABLE, HE'S NOW GOING THROUGH ENDLESS SIMULATIONS OF POSSIBLE EMOTIONAL RESPONSES?!

SURELY YOU'RE NOT SUGGESTING THAT *ATOM* IS NOW IN THE SAME STATE AS YOUR UNCONSCIOUS ROBOT...?





HE MIGHT COME BACK AS A MONSTER.

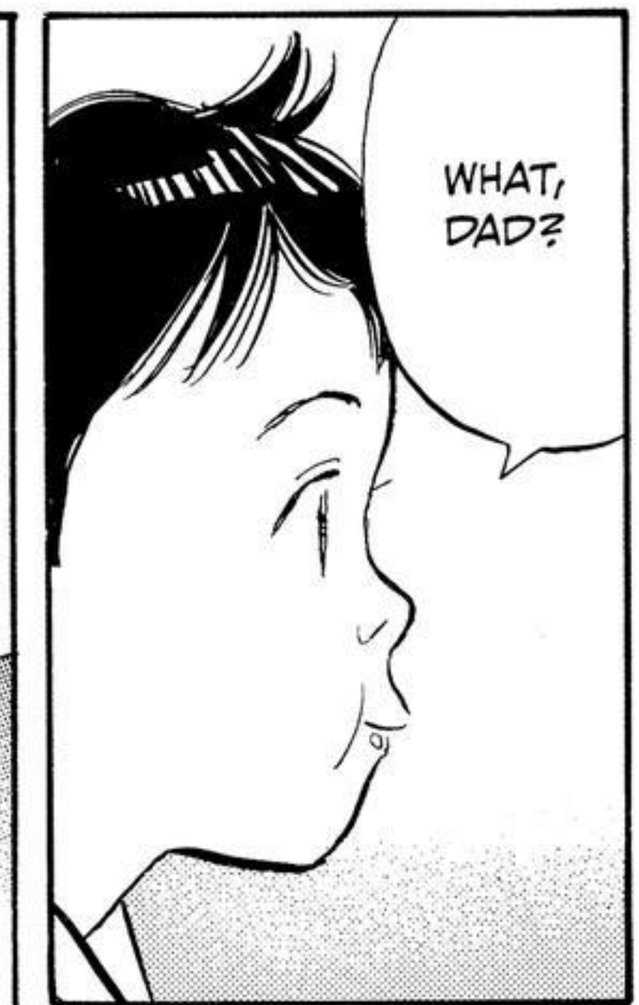
I SEE...

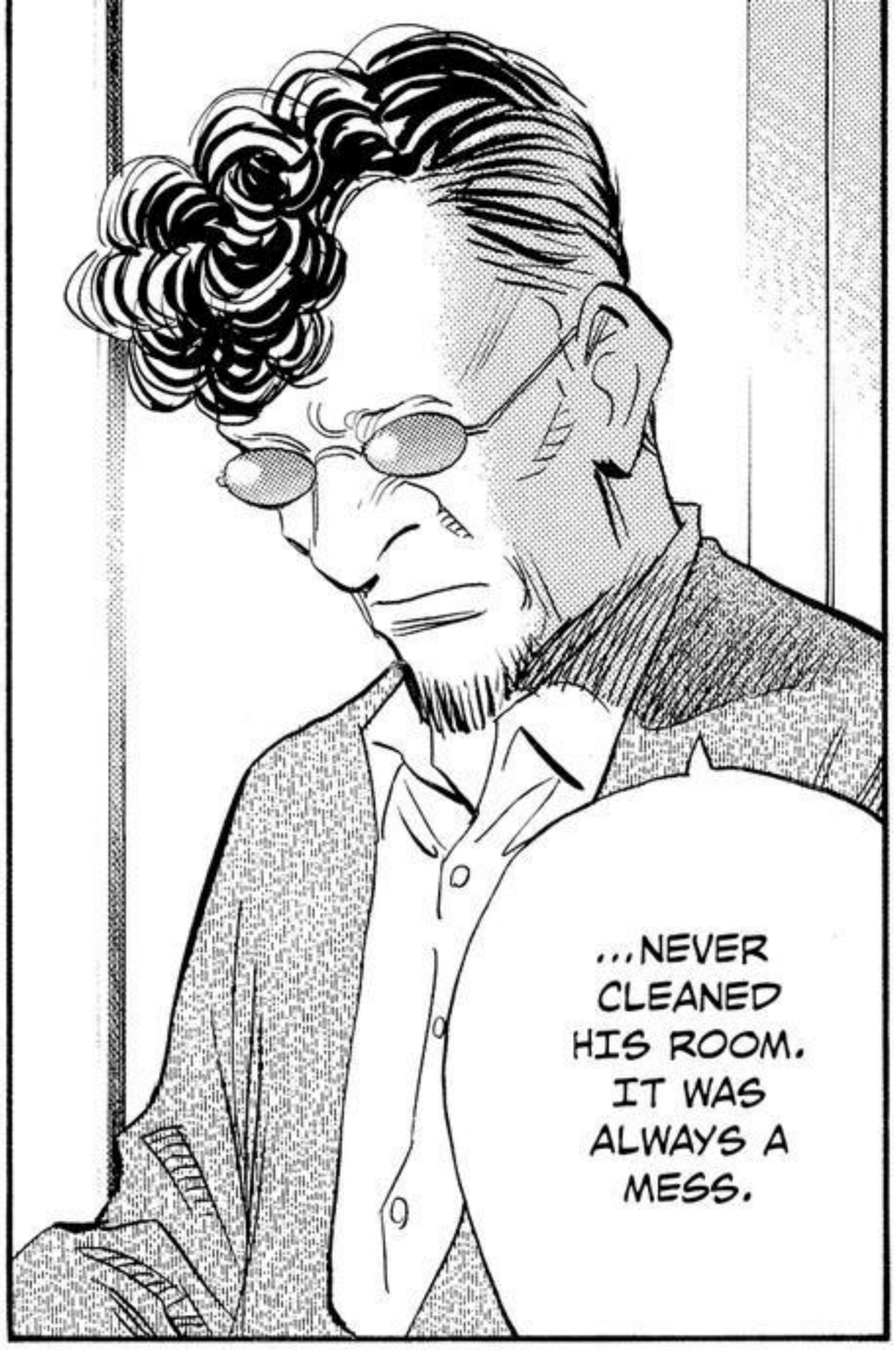
TOBIO...

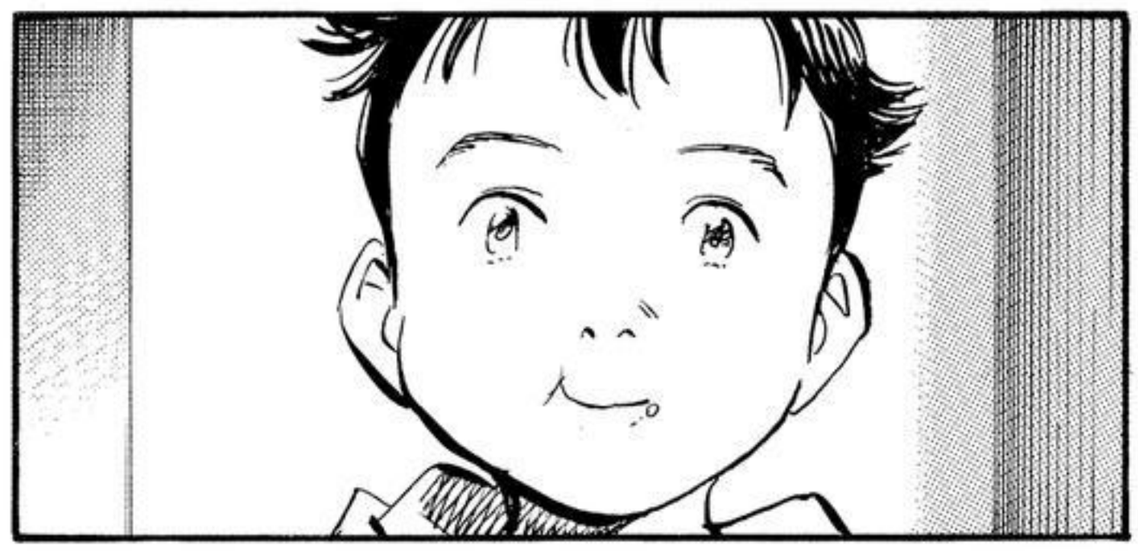
YEAH...

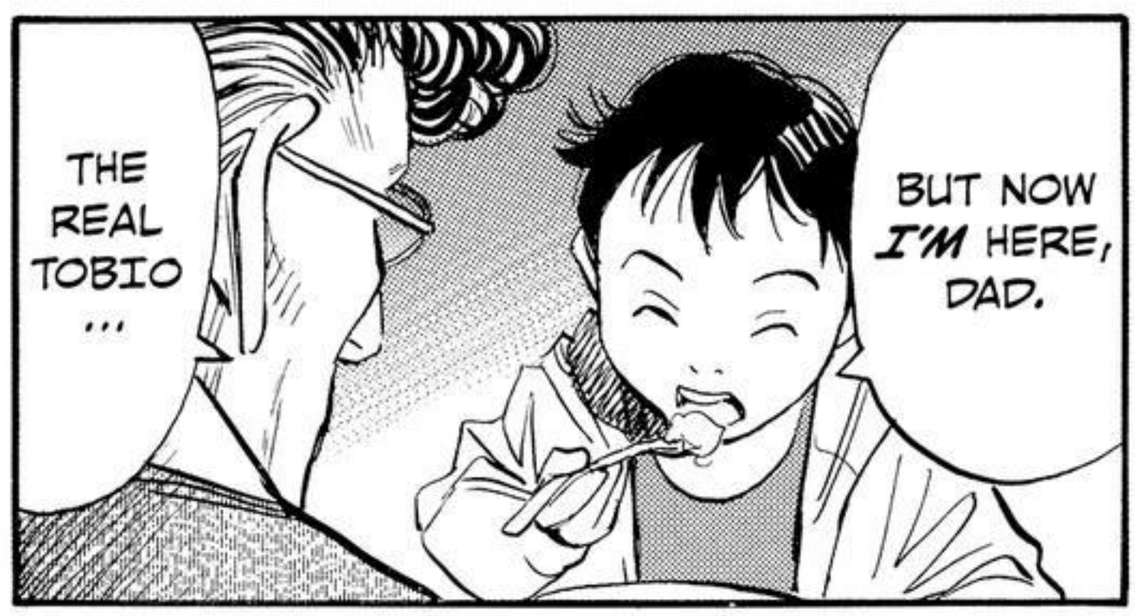
SO THE FOOD TASTES GOOD TO YOU...

AND HE *DIED*...
THE REAL TOBIO WAS IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT...


WHAT, DAD?

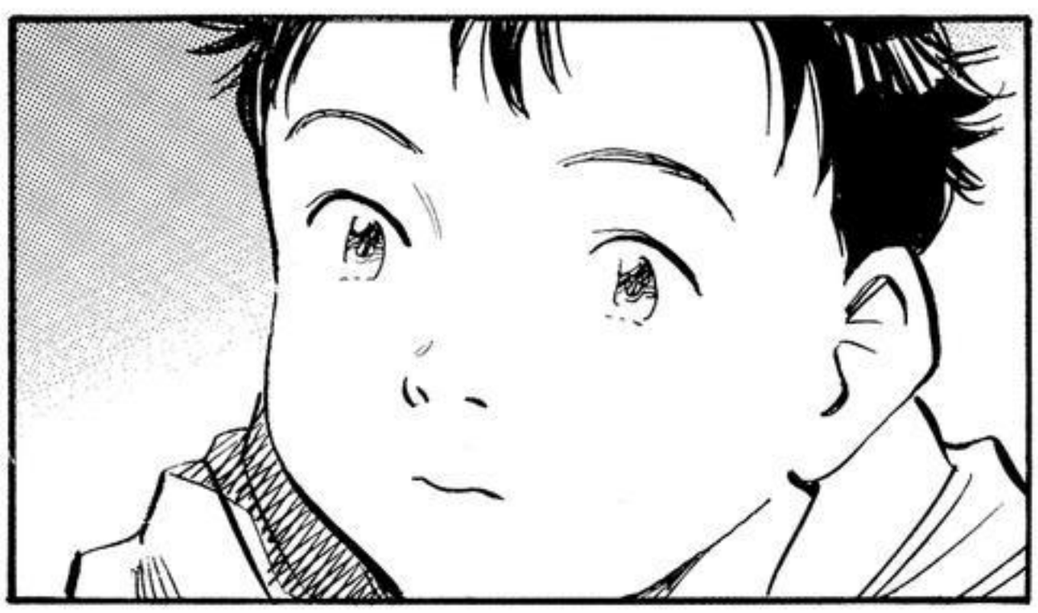

...NEVER CLEANED HIS ROOM. IT WAS ALWAYS A MESS.




THE REAL TOBIO ...
BUT NOW I'M HERE, DAD.

...HATED TO STUDY.

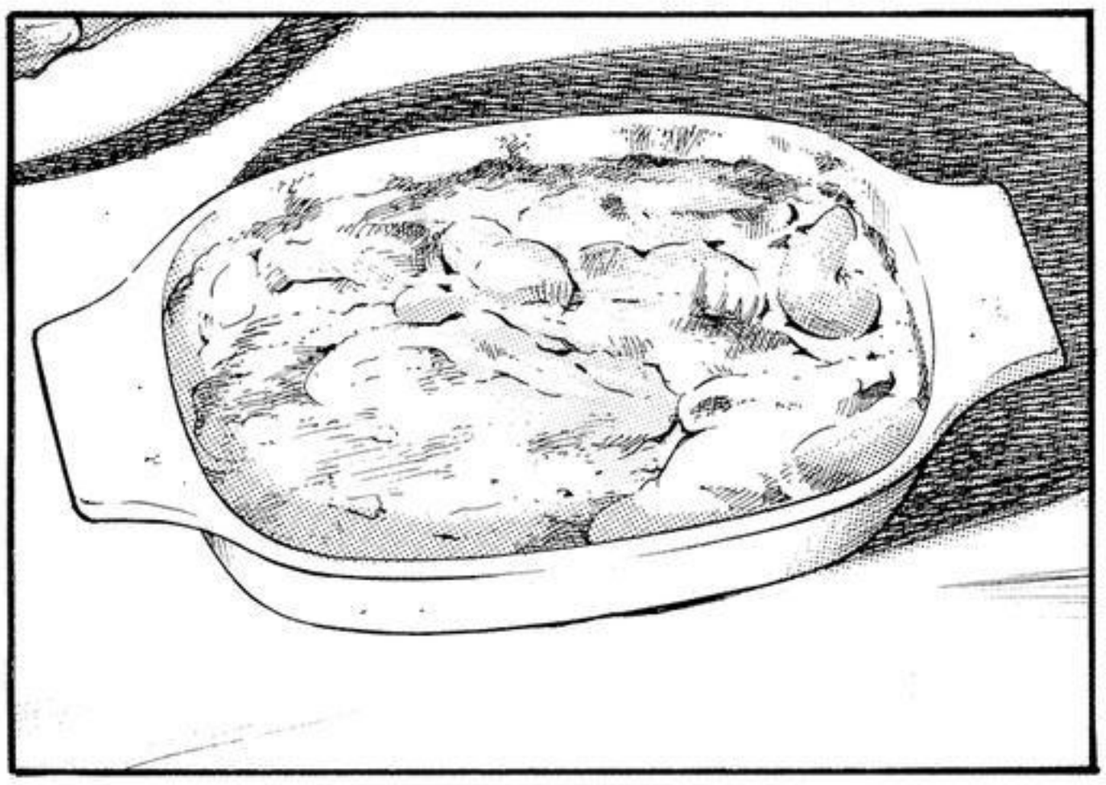
THE REAL TOBIO ...
OKAY. I'LL FORGET ABOUT CLEANING FROM NOW ON...

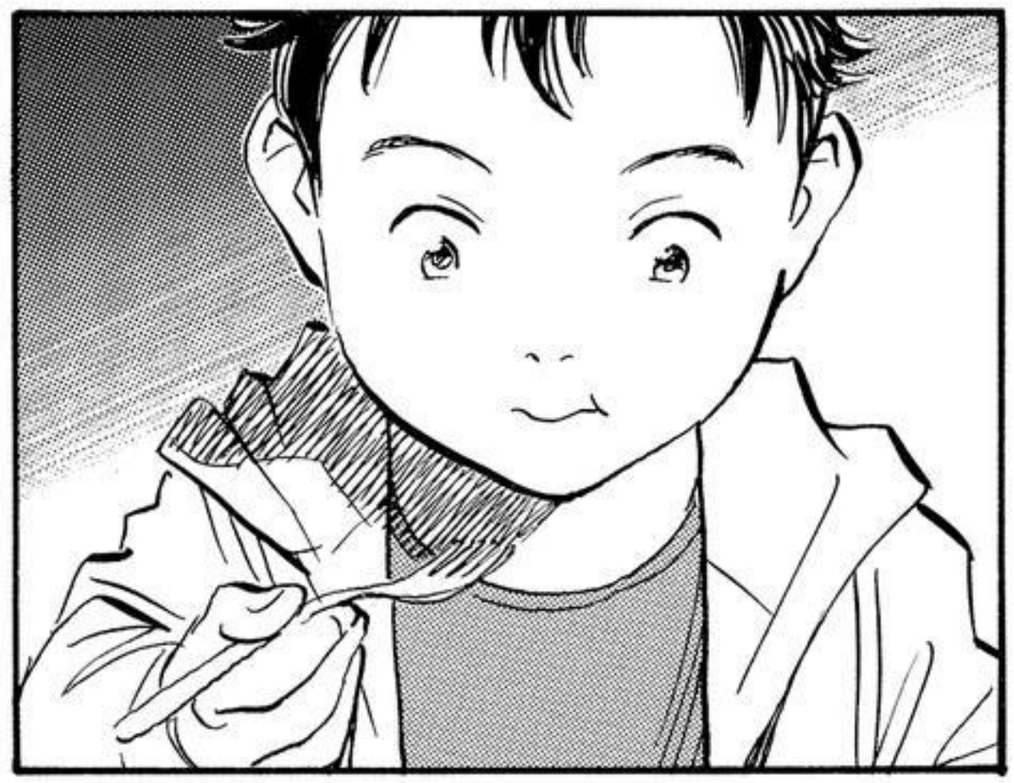


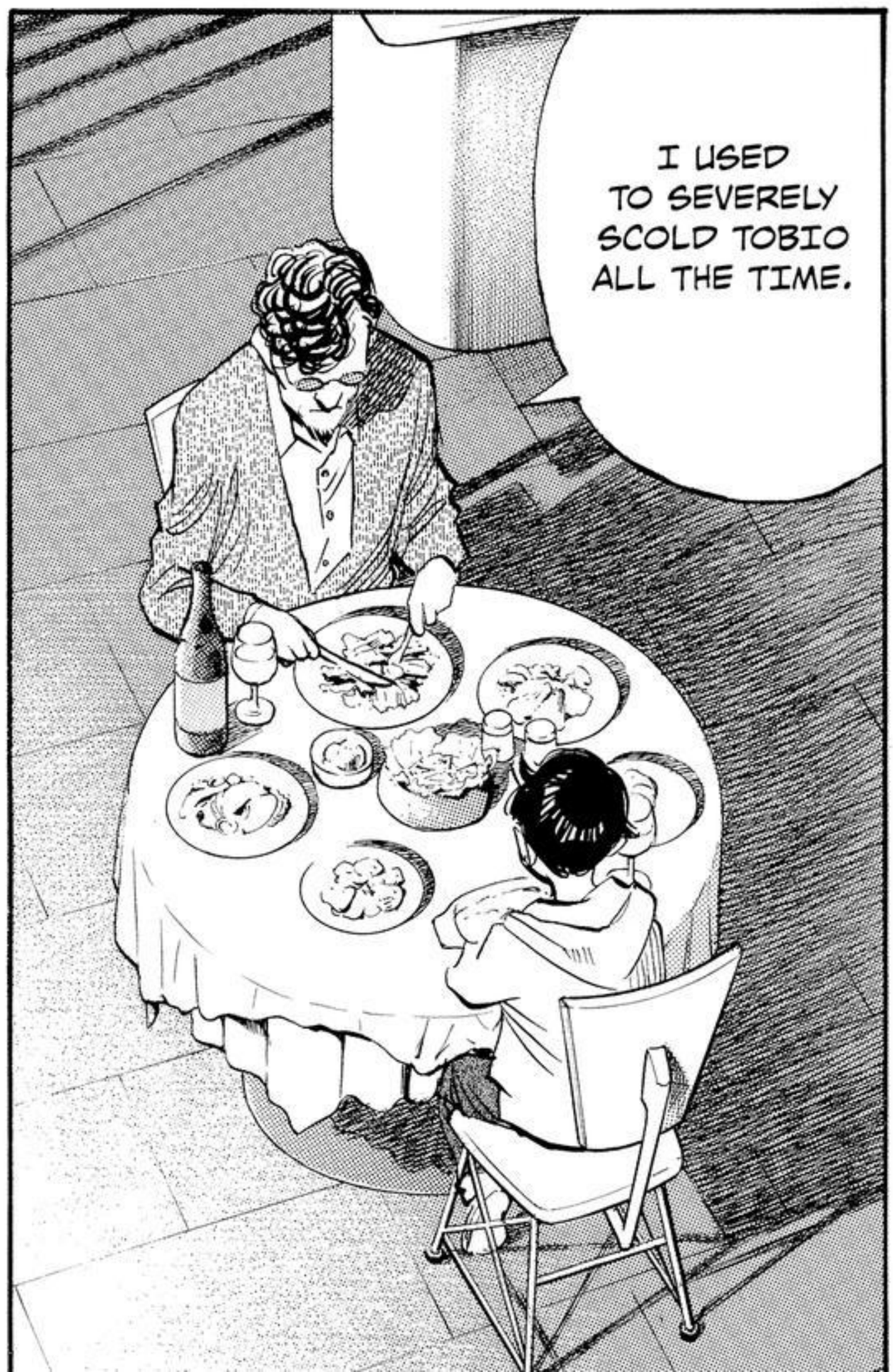
THE REAL TOBIO ...

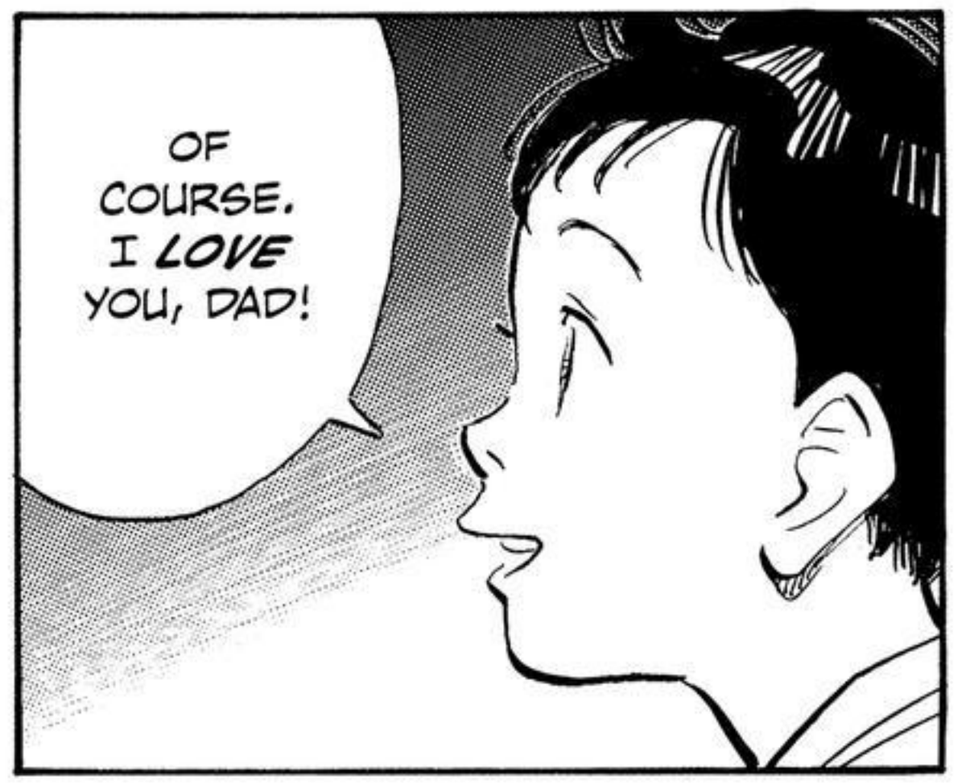
THE REAL TOBIO TOOK THAT BOOK ON INSECTS THAT I BOUGHT HIM AND STUFFED IT IN THE BACK OF HIS SHELF... AND NEVER LOOKED AT IT.
WELL, I'LL FORGET THE STUDYING TOO.

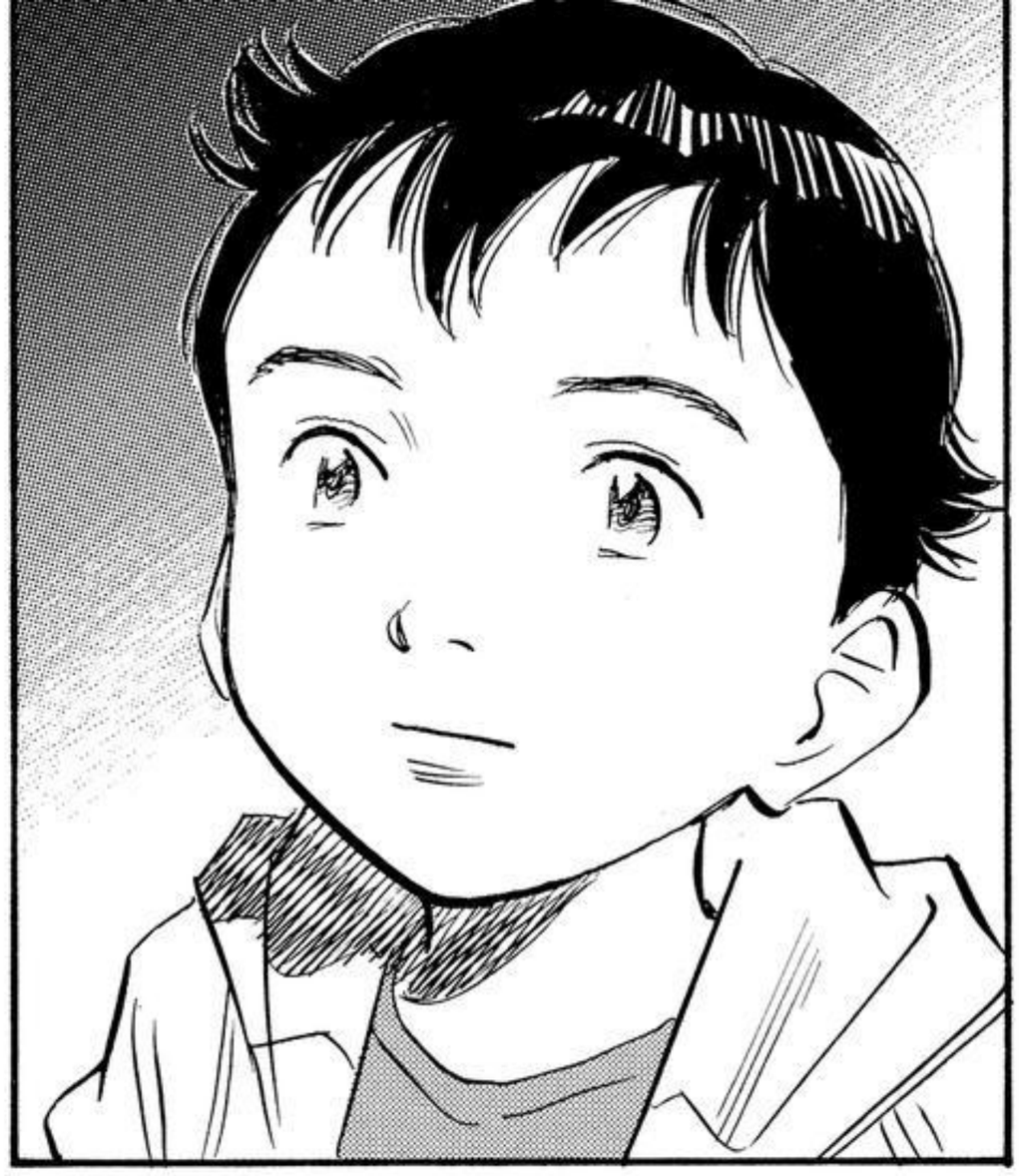
...HATED THE FOOD YOU'RE EATING.











I'M SURE...
AND BECAUSE OF THAT...

...THAT TOBIO *HATED* ME...

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YOUR OVERHAUL IS STILL INCOMPLETE. IT'S DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO RETURN TO WORK.

HOFFMAN HERE. GESICHT, PLEASE RESPOND!!

BZZZT

GESICHT...

YOU STILL HAVE SHRAPNEL FROM THE CLUSTER CANNON EMBEDDED IN YOU!!

BZZZT

GESICHT...

PLEASE RESPOND ...

THIS IS EPSILON! WE'RE RUSHING TO YOU...

BZZT

GESICHT...

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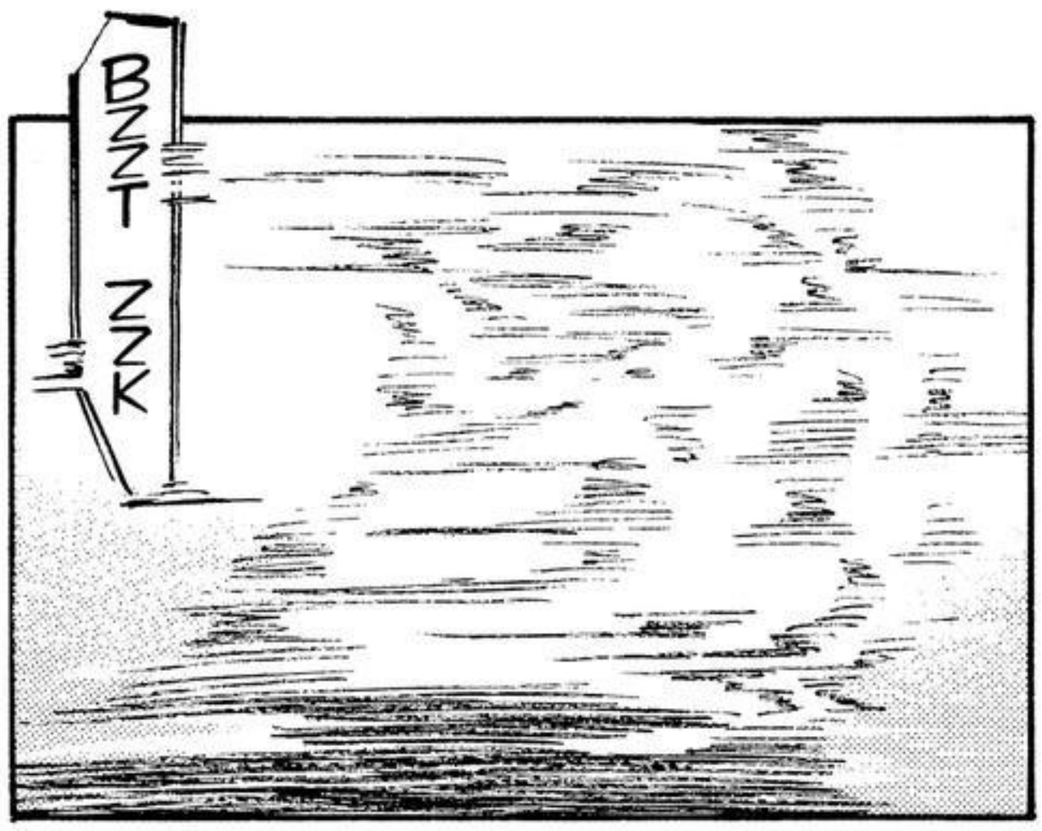
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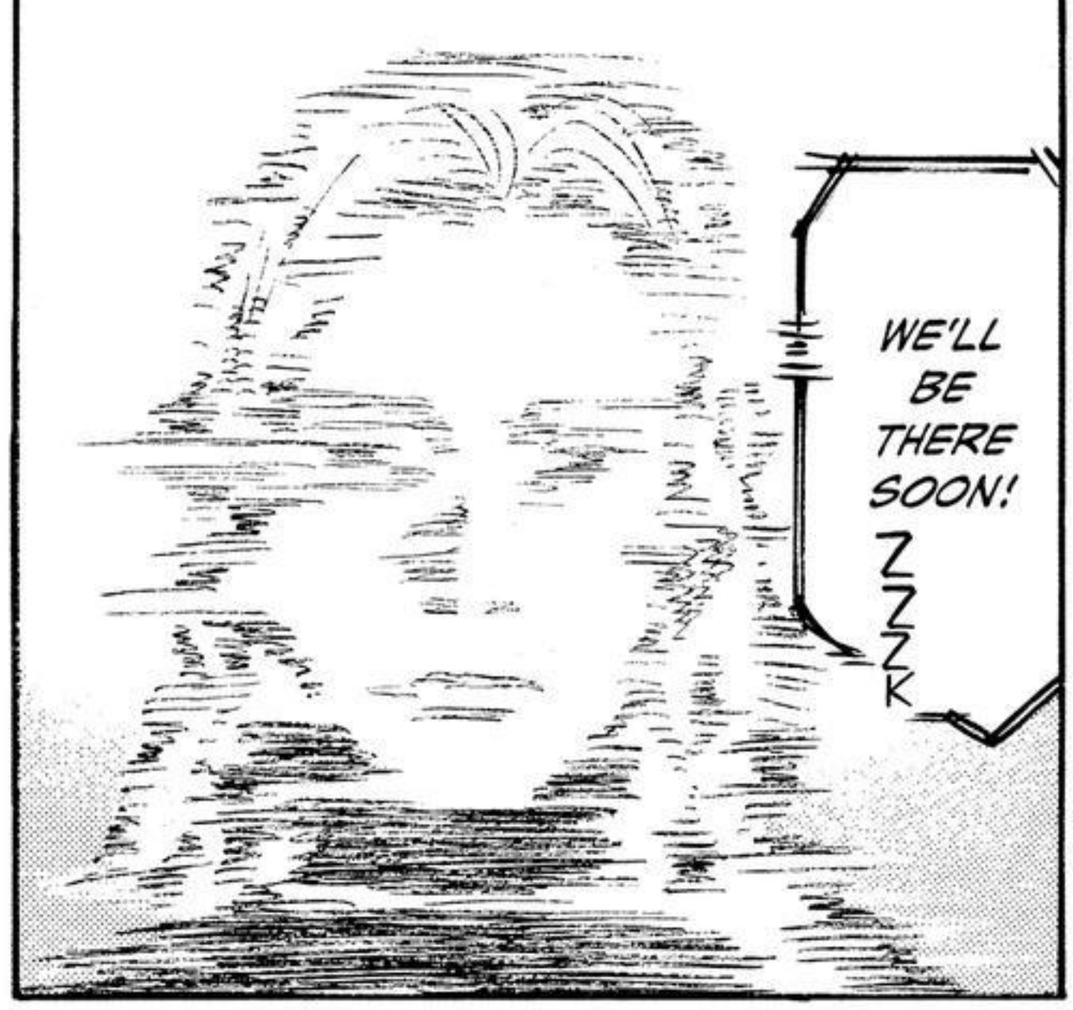
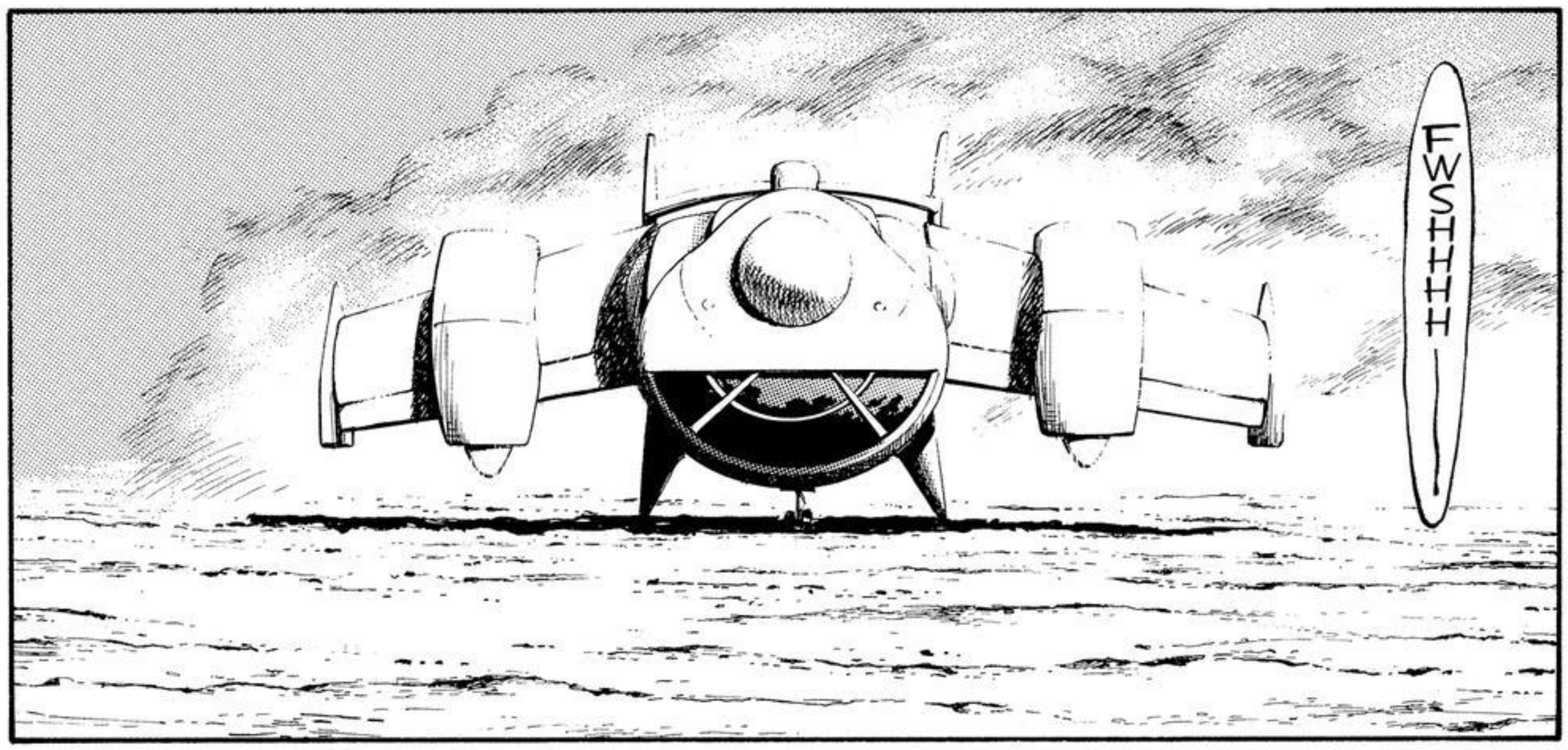

WE'LL BE THERE SOON!
ZZZK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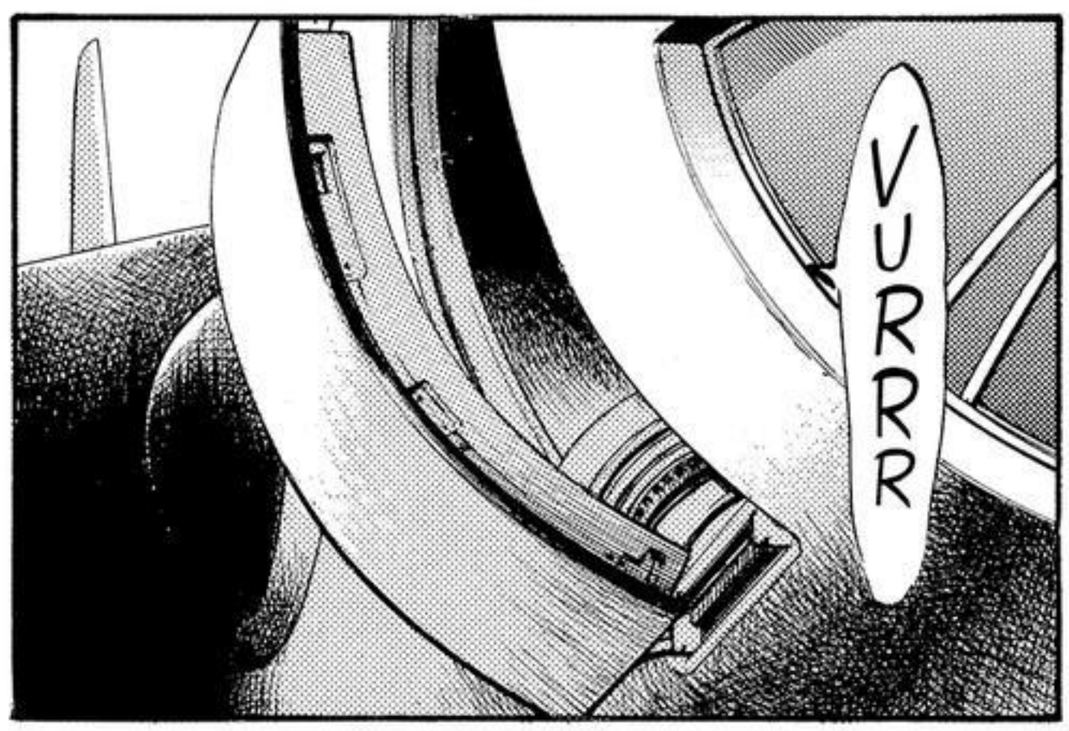
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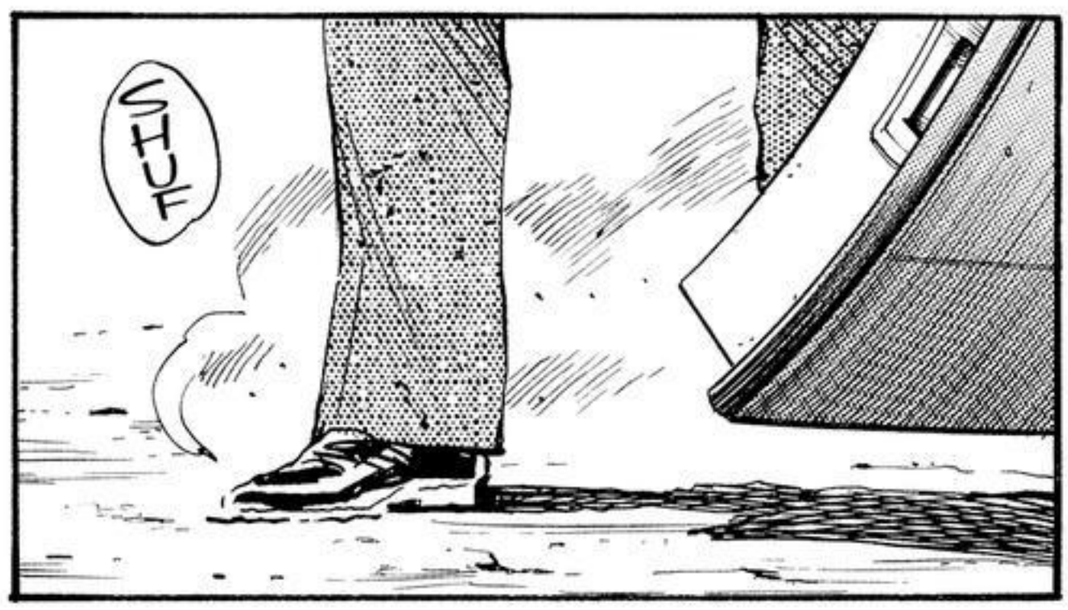
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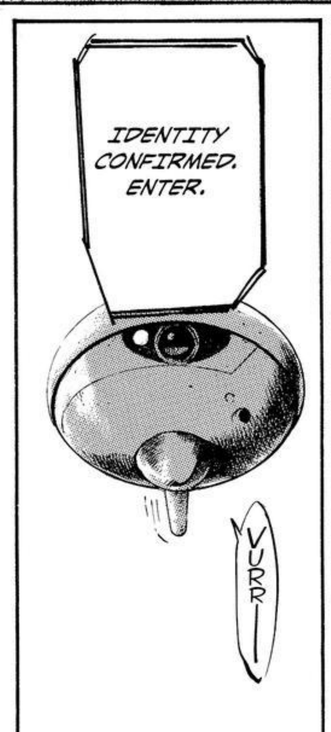

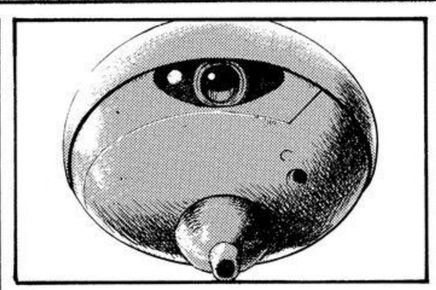

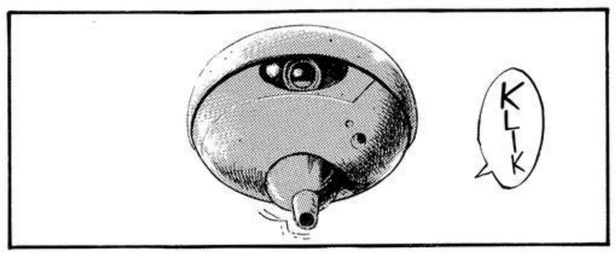

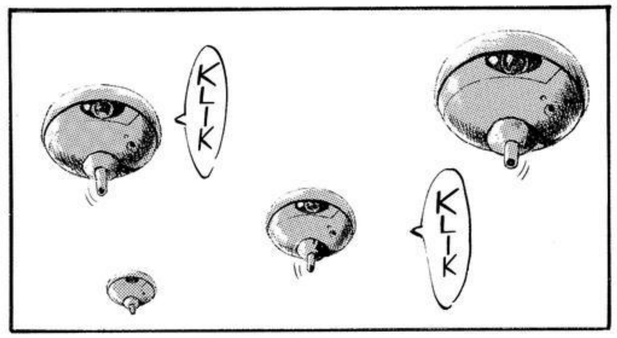

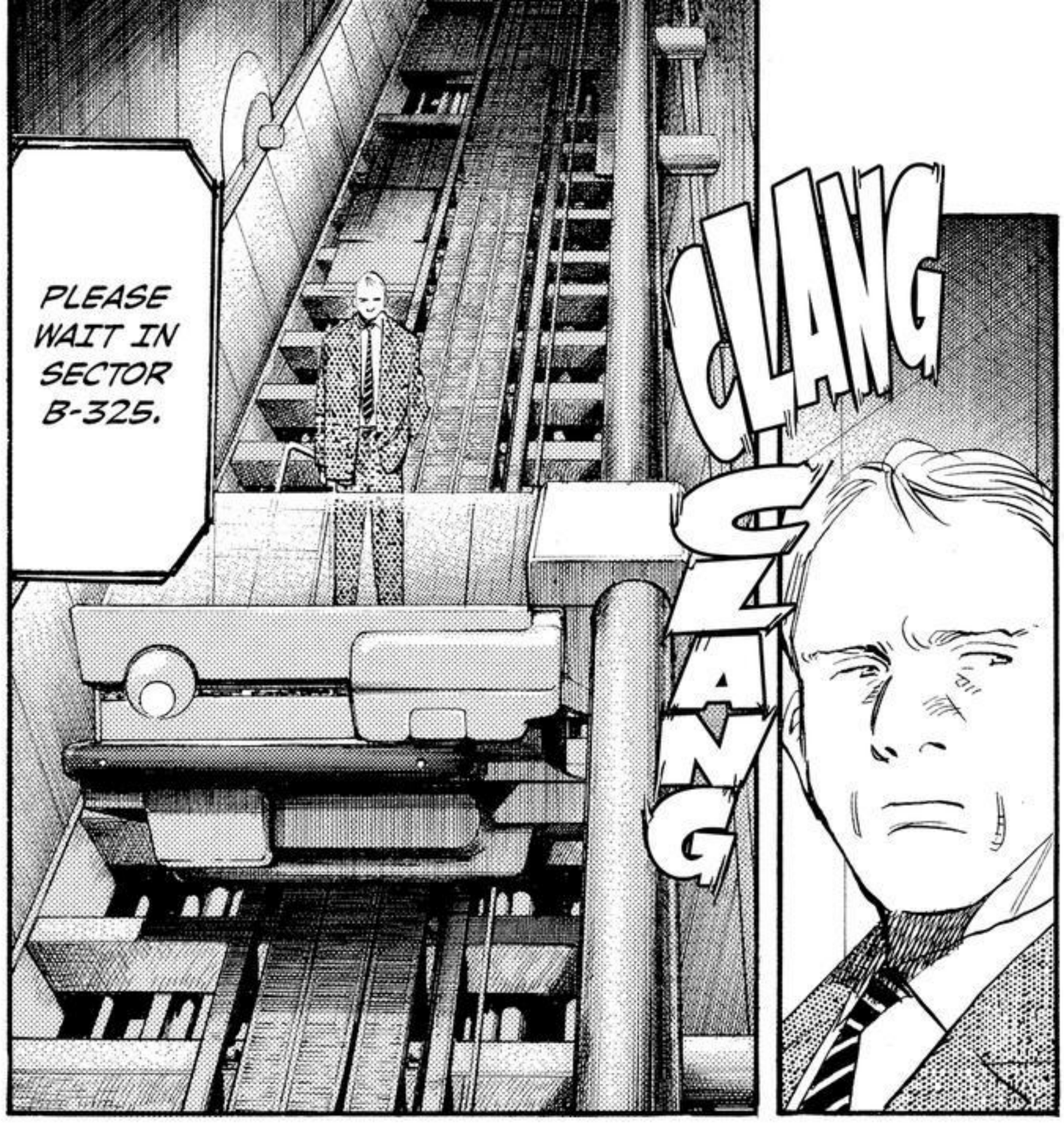
PLEASE WAIT IN SECTOR B-325.
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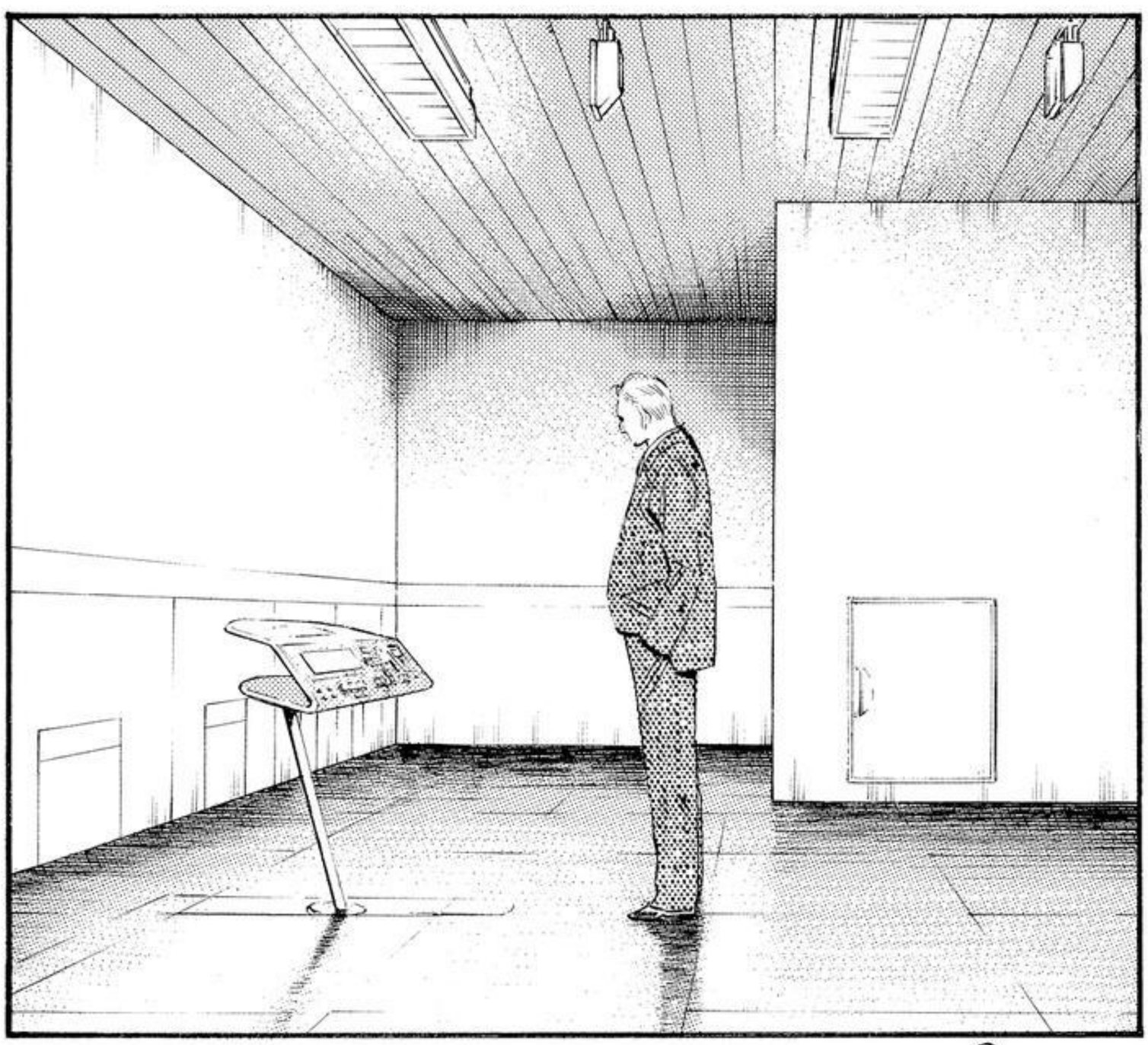

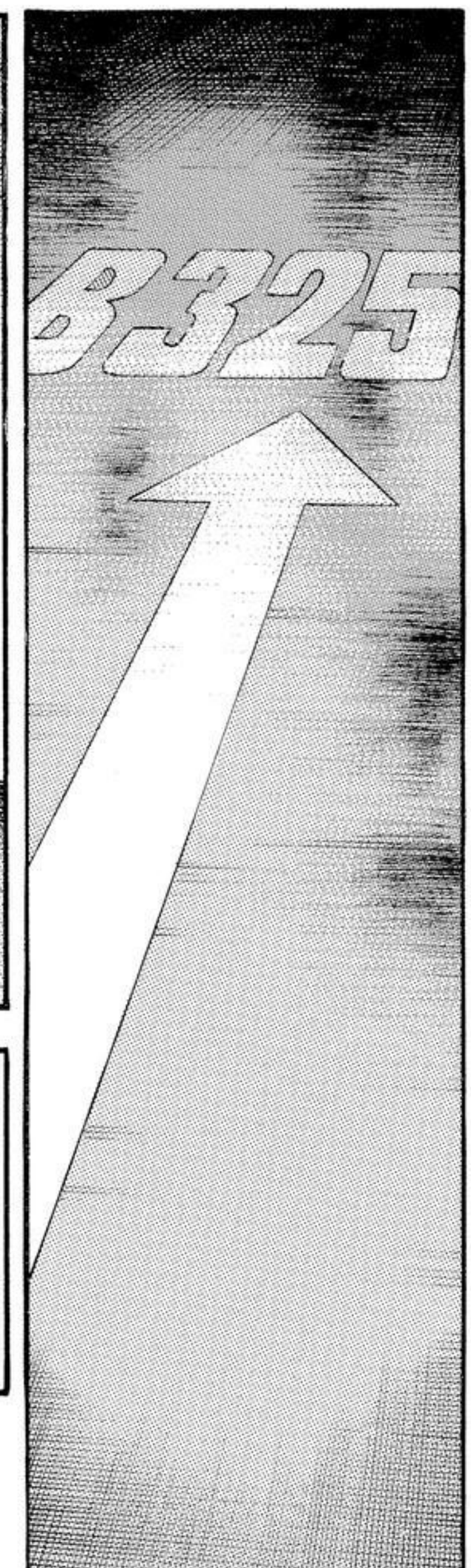
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WHOOP

I'M COLONEL ARMSTRONG, UNITED STATES OF THRACIA ARMY.

WELCOME, SIR. YOU'VE TRAVELED A LONG WAY.

GLAD TO MEET YOU. GESICHT OF EUROPOL.

...

WE ARE ONLY COMPLYING WITH YOUR REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW TODAY BECAUSE OF A SPECIAL DIRECTIVE FROM THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF.

THE U.S.T. IS NOT A SIGNATORY TO THE TREATY ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW. WE ARE THEREFORE OUTSIDE OF EUROPOL'S JURISDICTION.

YES SIR.

BEGIN.

YOUR TIME IS LIMITED, INSPECTOR. PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR BUSINESS QUICKLY.

WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG? HURRY UP!!

YES SIR...

NO...

YOU MEAN RIGHT HERE?

BEGIN?

BLIP BEEP

YES. IS THERE A PROBLEM?

BUT AS YOU SEE, OUR BOTS ARE ALL ANTIQUES.

KARA-TEPA IS A STATE OF THE ART PRISON FACILITY...

JUST A MOMENT, SIR.

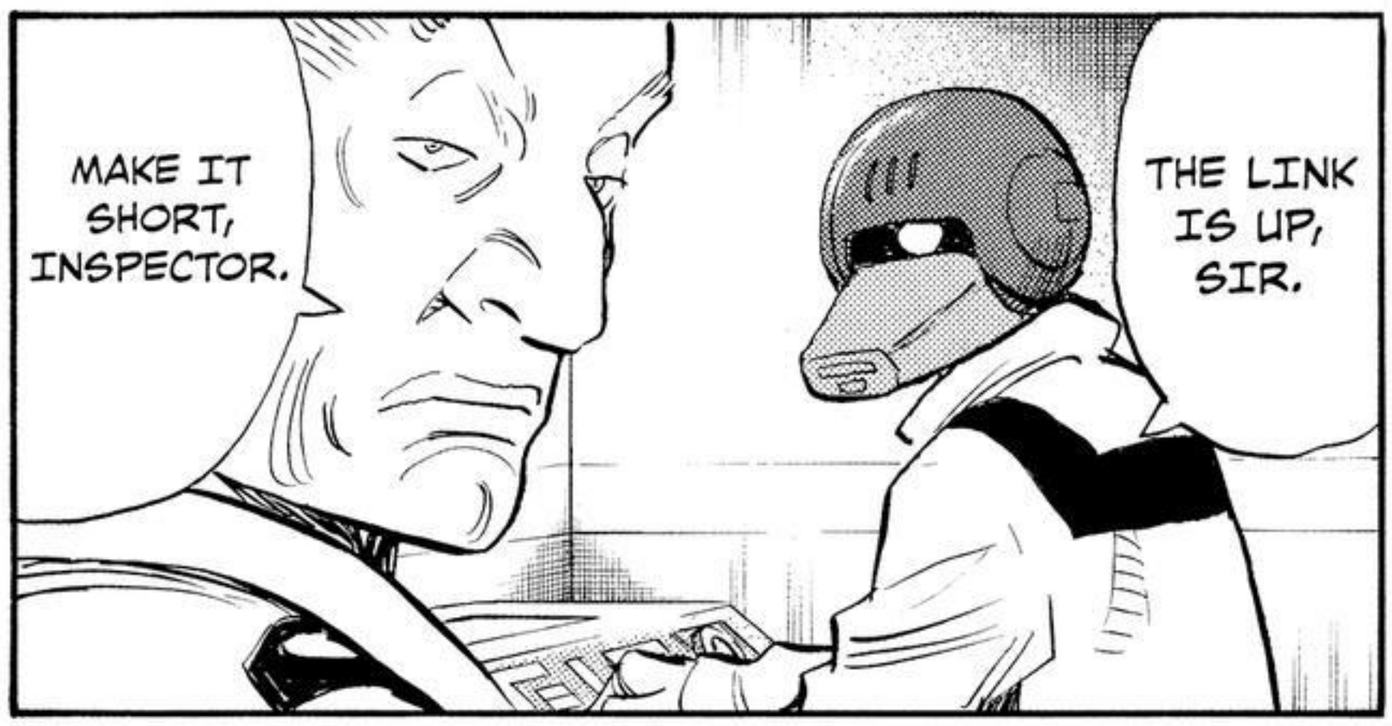
BIP BLIP

I'M HAVING DIFFICULTY ESTABLISHING A CONNECTION, SIR.

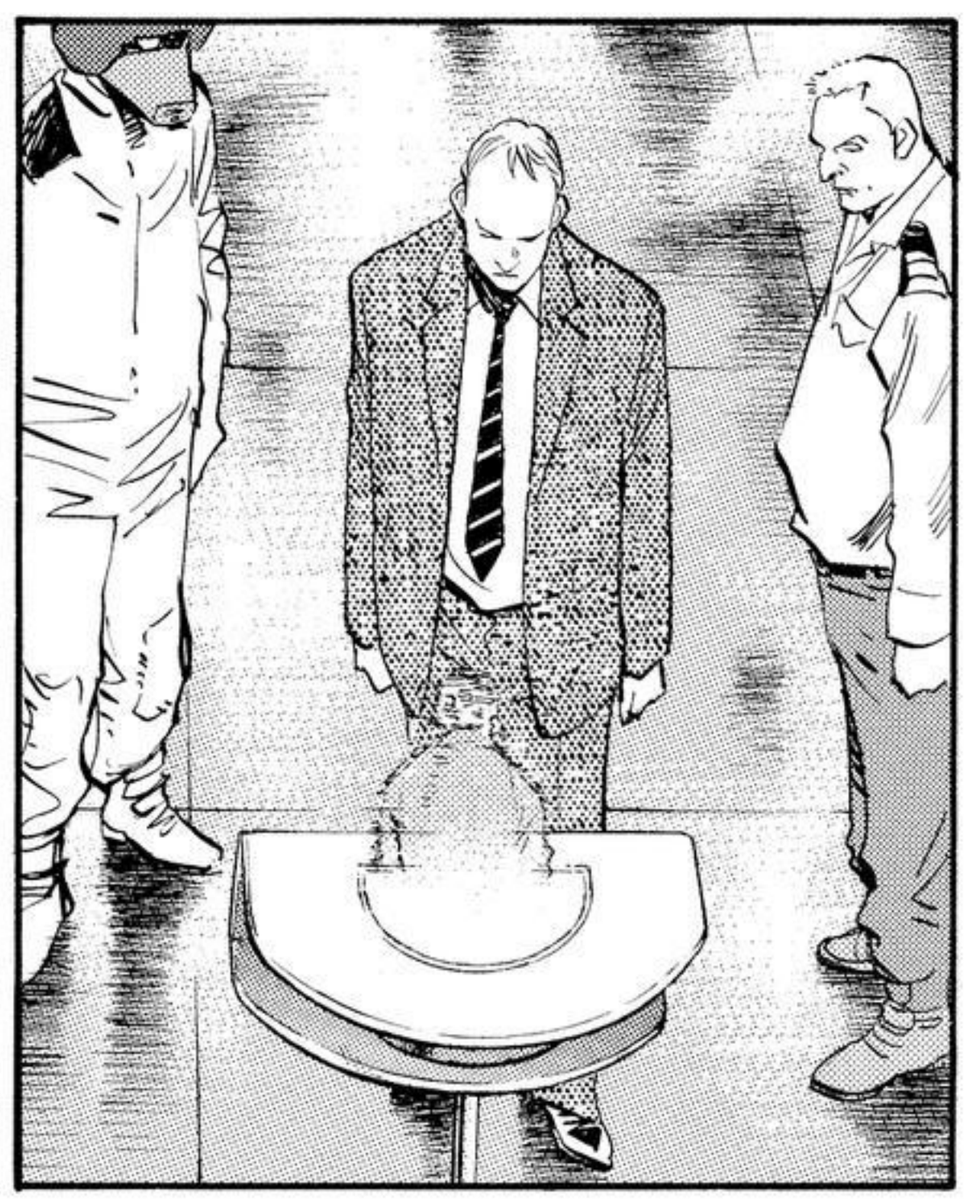
BUT GIVEN OUR NATION'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, WE DON'T PRODUCE ROBOTS CAPABLE OF ***MASS DESTRUCTION.***

IF WE HAD MORE ADVANCED ROBOTS LIKE YOU, GESICHT, PERSIAN REDEVELOPMENT WOULD PROBABLY GO MUCH FASTER...

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE UNITED STATES OF THRACIA PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF TECHNOLOGY, BUT WE'RE FAR BEHIND IN THE ROBOT INDUSTRY.


MAKE IT SHORT, INSPECTOR.
THE LINK IS UP, SIR.

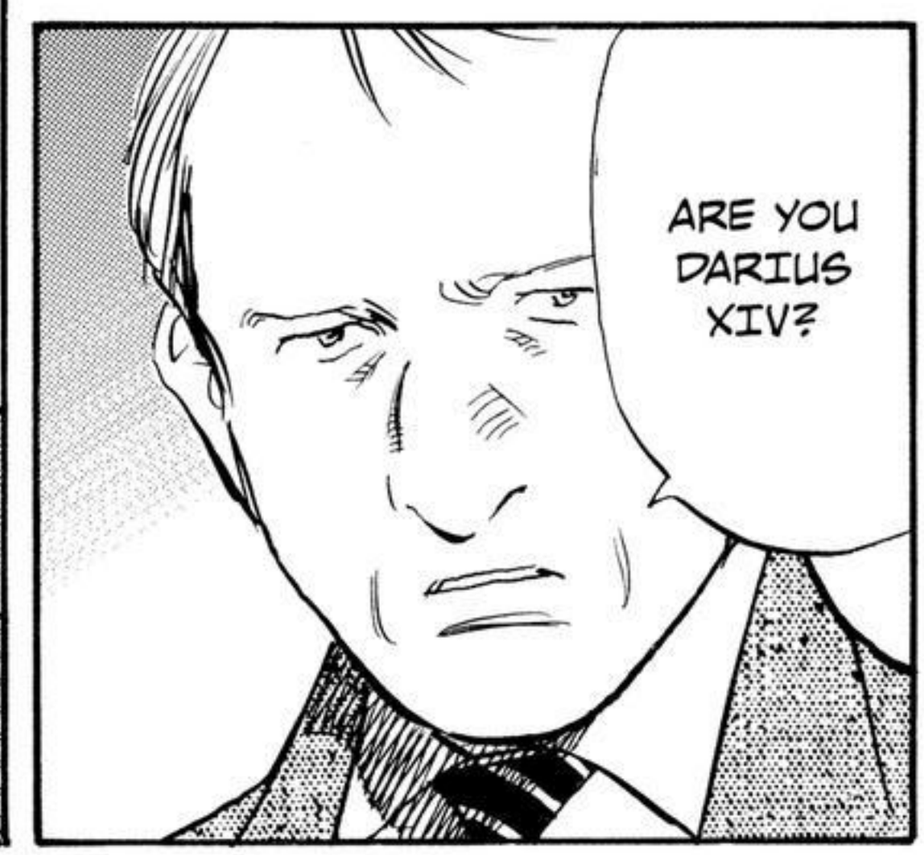
ZZZK
BZZT



YES. IS THAT A PROBLEM?

ZZCK ZTT
YOU DON'T REALLY EXPECT ME TO INTERVIEW HIM LIKE THIS, DO YOU?

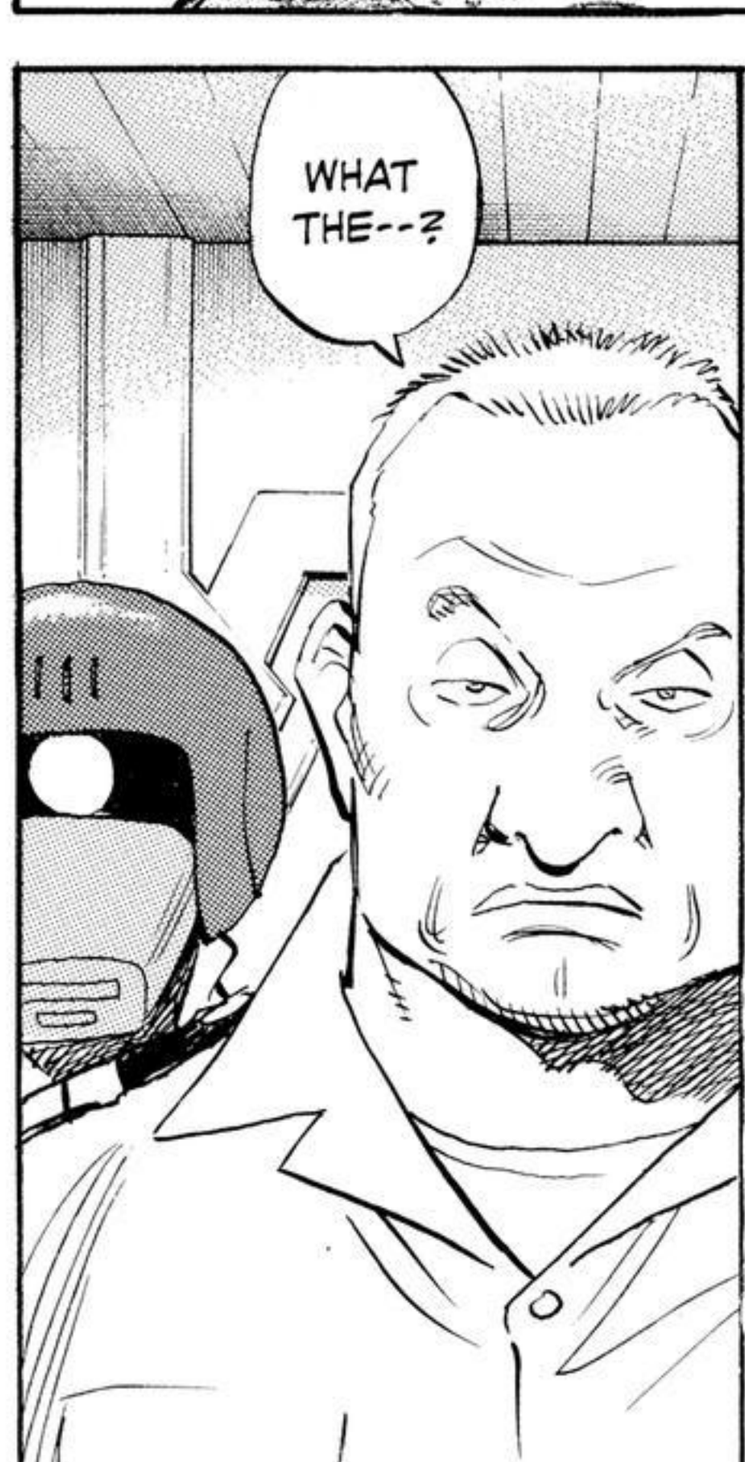
YES...
BZZZT


ARE YOU DARIUS XIV?

HOW IS LIFE IN THIS PRISON?

I'M GESICHT, FROM EUROPOL, AND I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU.

NOT BAD...
BZZZT


WHAT THE--?

VWT...

...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...SO YOU CAN CENSOR ANYTHING HE SAYS THAT YOU FIND INCONVENIENT.
YOU'RE USING MULTIPLE LEVELS OF SECURITY...

LET'S STOP KIDDING OURSELVES, COLONEL ARMSTRONG. THIS ISN'T A REAL INTERVIEW.

DARIUS XIV IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WITNESS...
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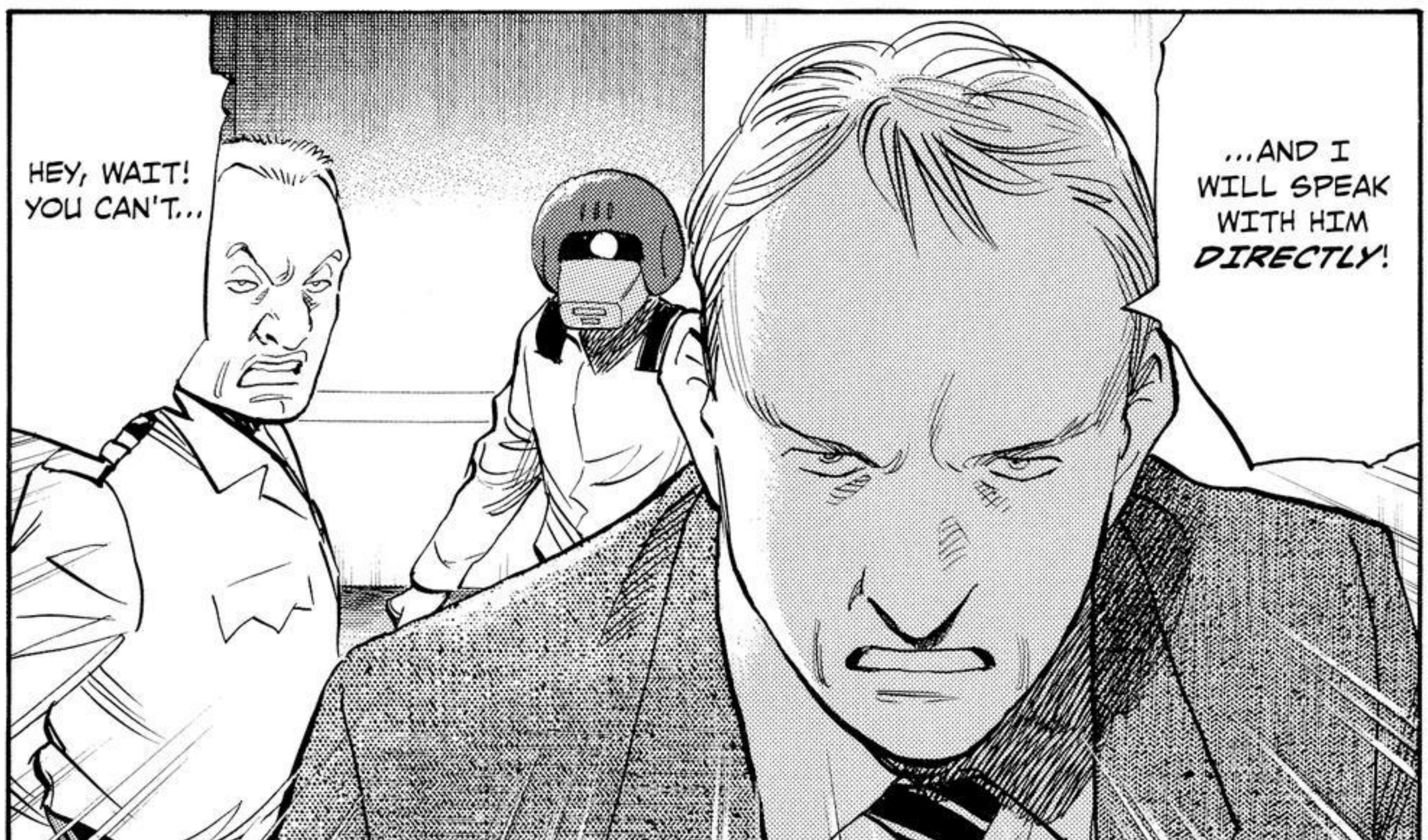
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
STOP PLAYING GAMES, COLONEL!


HEY, WAIT! YOU CAN'T...
...AND I WILL SPEAK WITH HIM *DIRECTLY*!

WAIT! THE PRESIDENT GAVE SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR AN INTERVIEW, BUT YOUR ACTIONS ARE CLEARLY A BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW...

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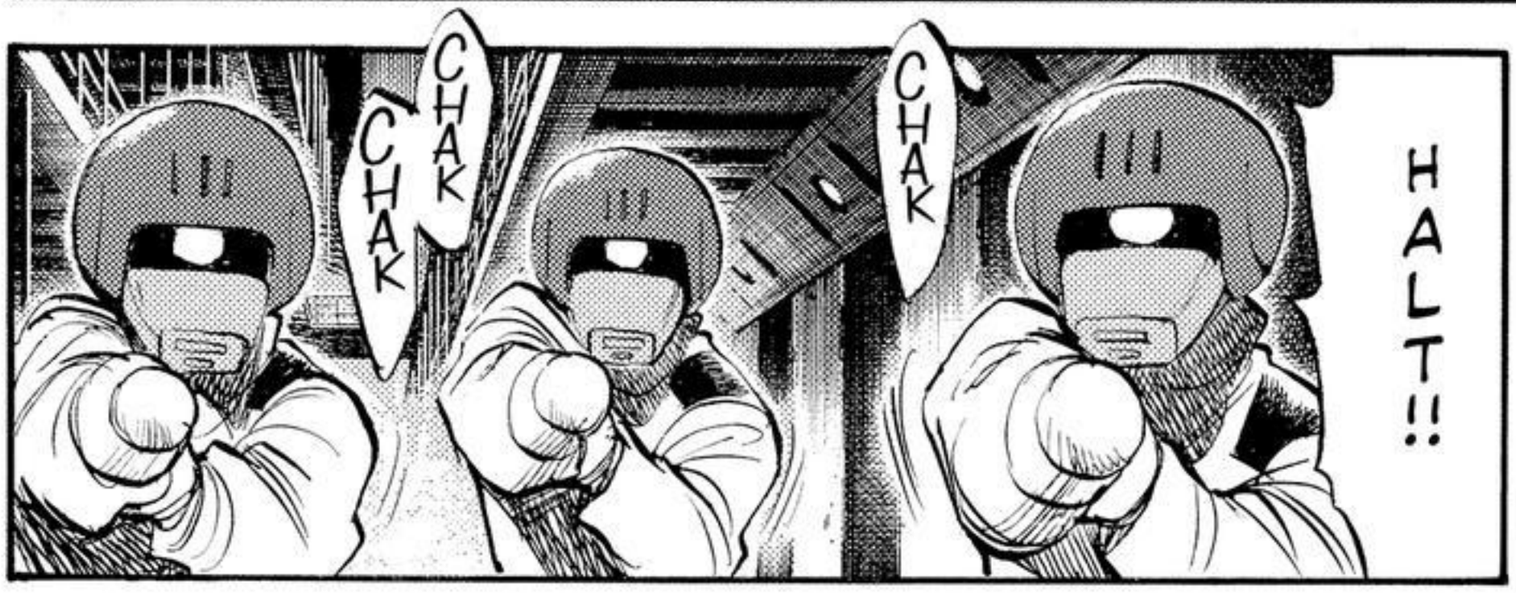
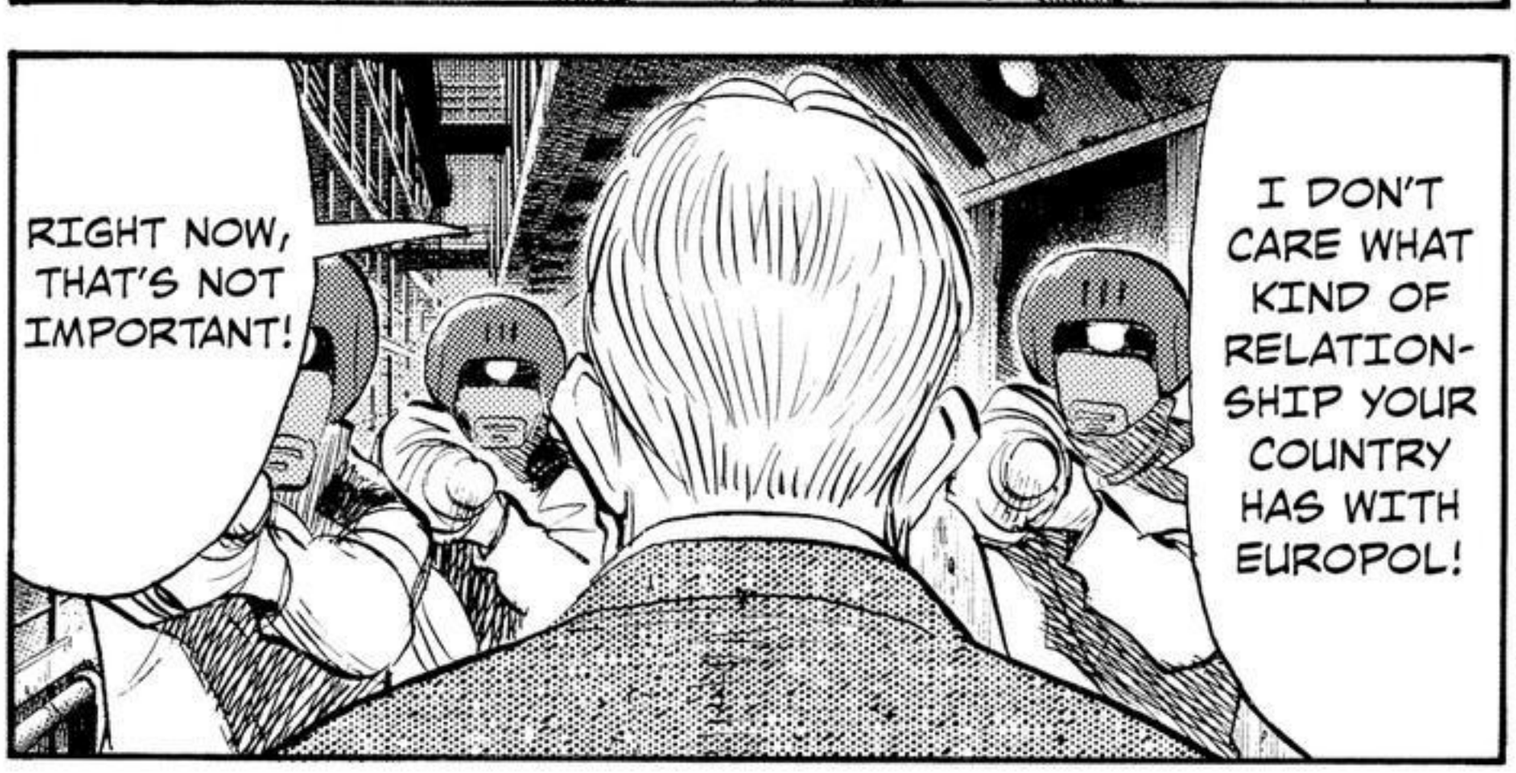
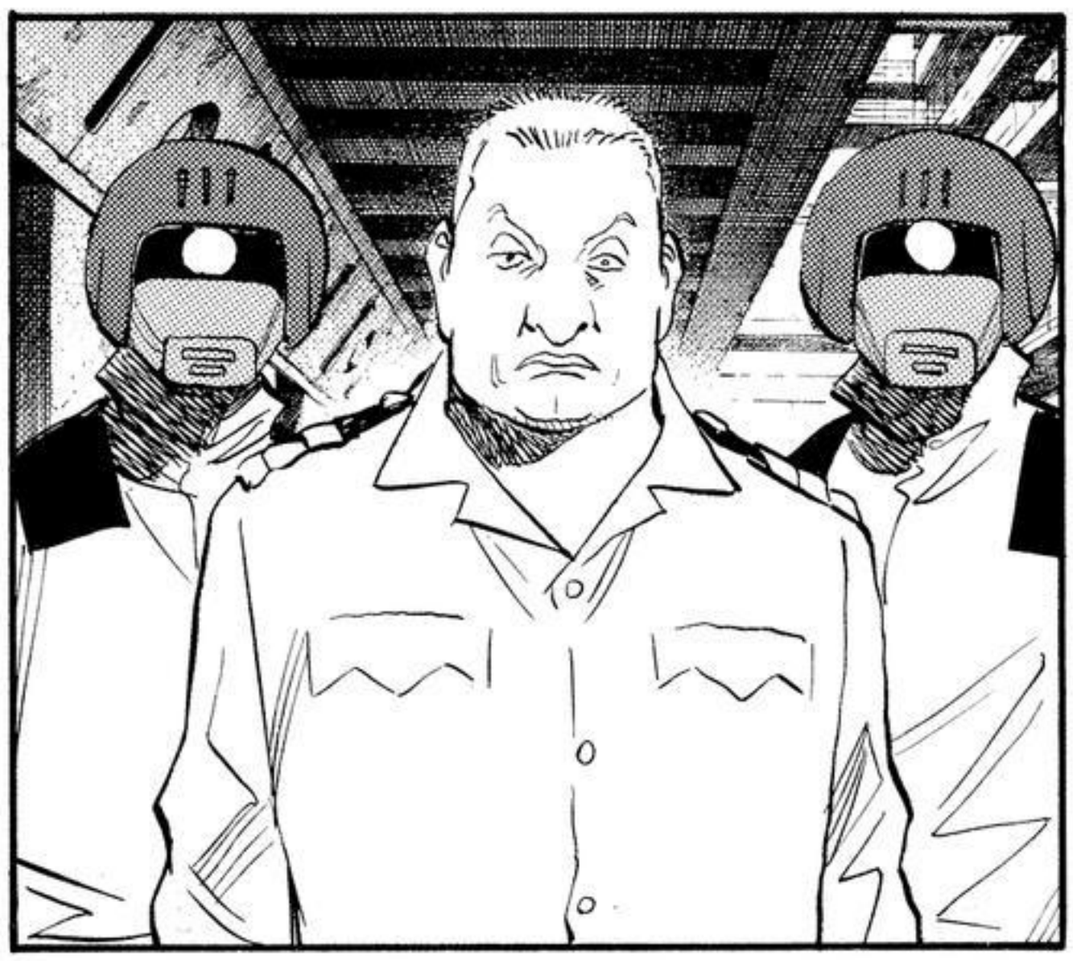






THIS IS A GLOBAL *CRISIS* WE'RE FACING!

ZHOOP

A ROBOT, EH...?

SLAM

YOU LOOK ALMOST HUMAN.

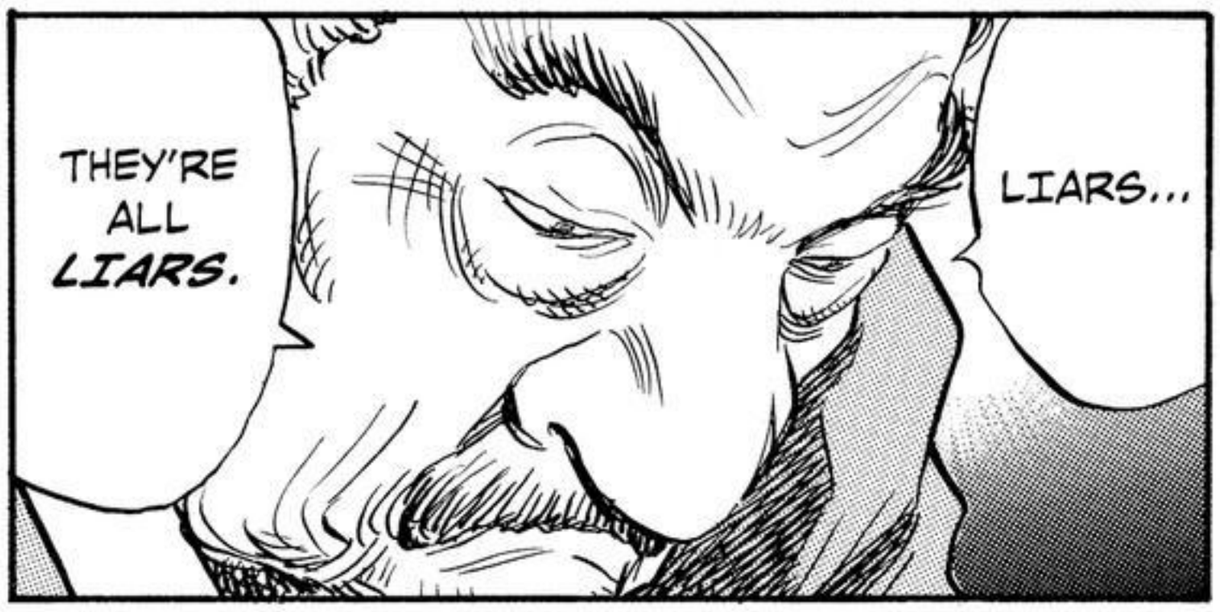
WELL, WELL. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY WELL-MADE.

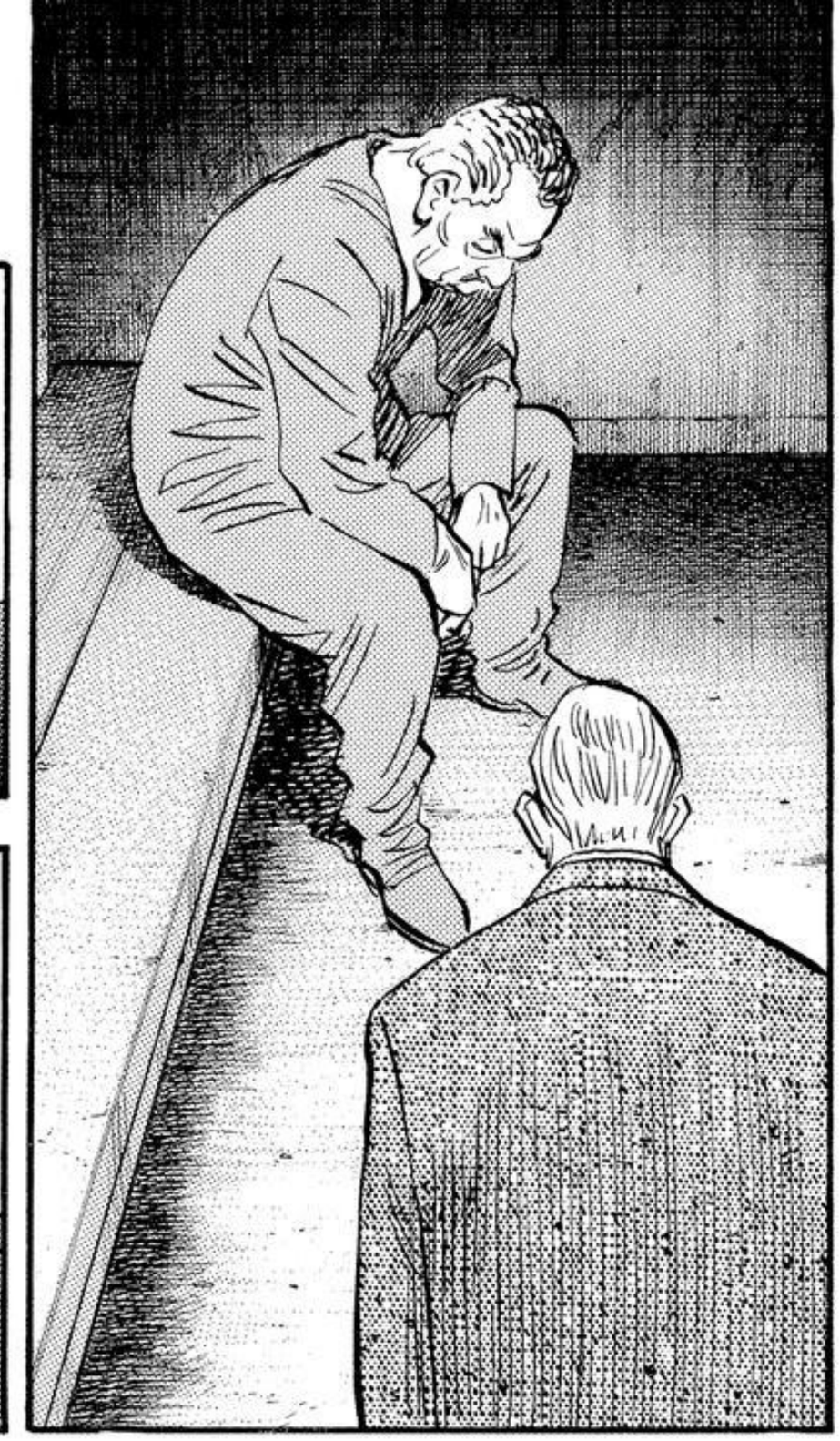
I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T INHERITED THEIR STUPIDITY AS WELL...

THERE YOU GO. STUPID INDEED...

DID YOU ORDER THE MURDER OF MEMBERS OF THE BORA SURVEY TEAM?

ARE YOU THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE ROBOT SERIAL KILLINGS?





TURNED IT BACK INTO A BARREN DESERT.

THEY TOOK AWAY EVERY PIECE OF OUR GLORIOUS ROBOT CULTURE.

THEY WANTED TO TAKE *EVERY-THING* FROM US.

THEY TURNED MY BELOVED HOMELAND TO *ASHES*!!

THOSE BARBARIAN MACHINES WITH THEIR FILTHY ARTIFICIAL MINDS FROM THE WEST...

...A MONSTER?

CREATE...

YOU CREATED A MONSTER? A ROBOT OF MASS DESTRUCTION?

SO HATRED LED YOU TO DO IT?

IT WAS BORN. ON ITS OWN.

NO, NOT CREATE...

A ROBOT LOVED BY GOD...

HE WAS THE MOST CAPABLE, PURE-MINDED ROBOT...

HE CHANGED. HE WAS REBORN.

YOU'RE WRONG.

A ROBOT DEVOTED TO *DESTRUCTION* AND *SLAUGHTER*?

"PURE MINDED"? "LOVED BY GOD"?

A BODY MORE SUITED FOR THE HATRED THAT EMERGED FROM HIS AI.

YES. WITH A NEW, MORE POWERFUL BODY.

REBORN?

SEE THIS FIELD OF FLOWERS?

IN A ROBOT?

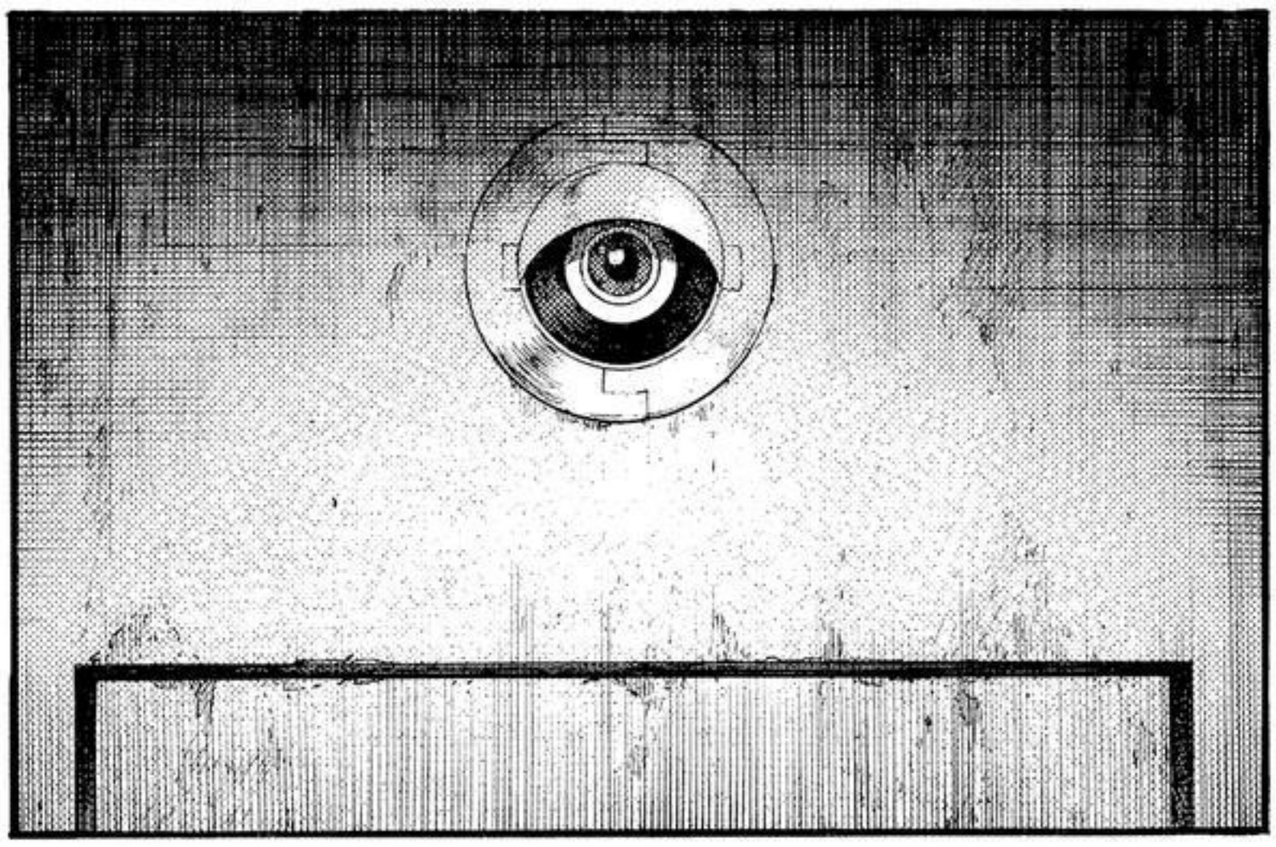
HATRED ...

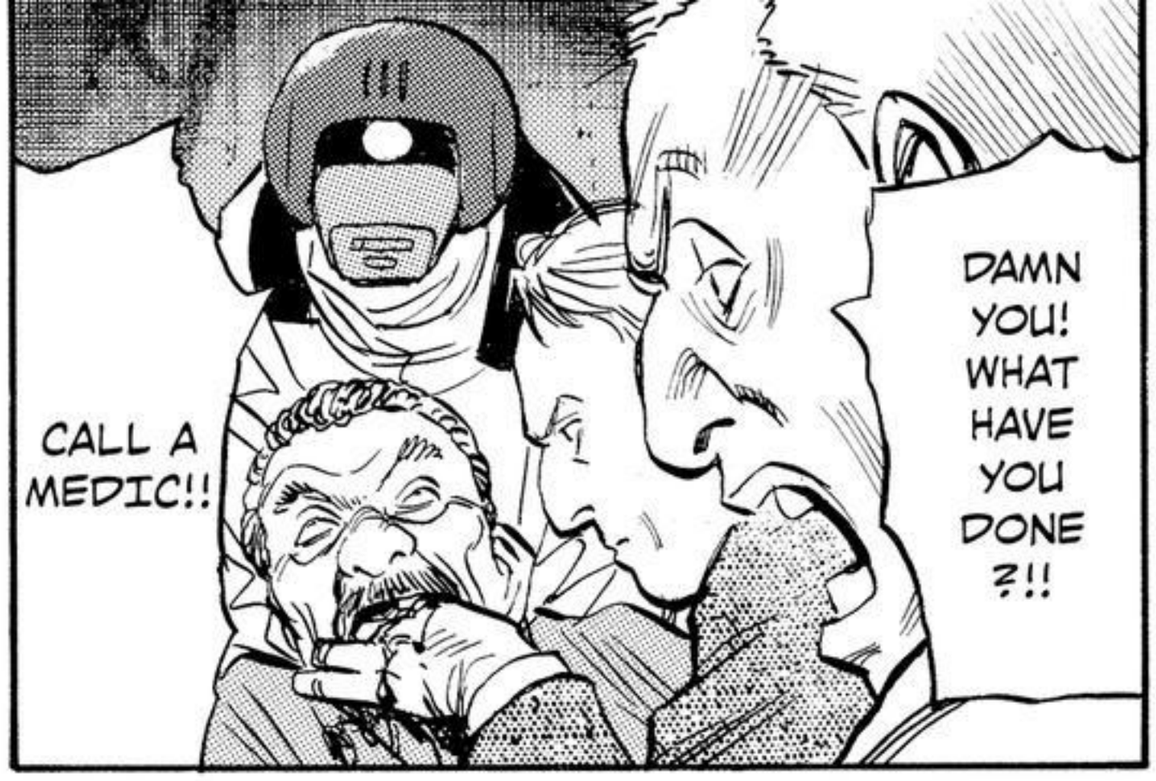
THIS IS *PLUTO.*

...MUST ALREADY KNOW...

SURELY *YOU*...

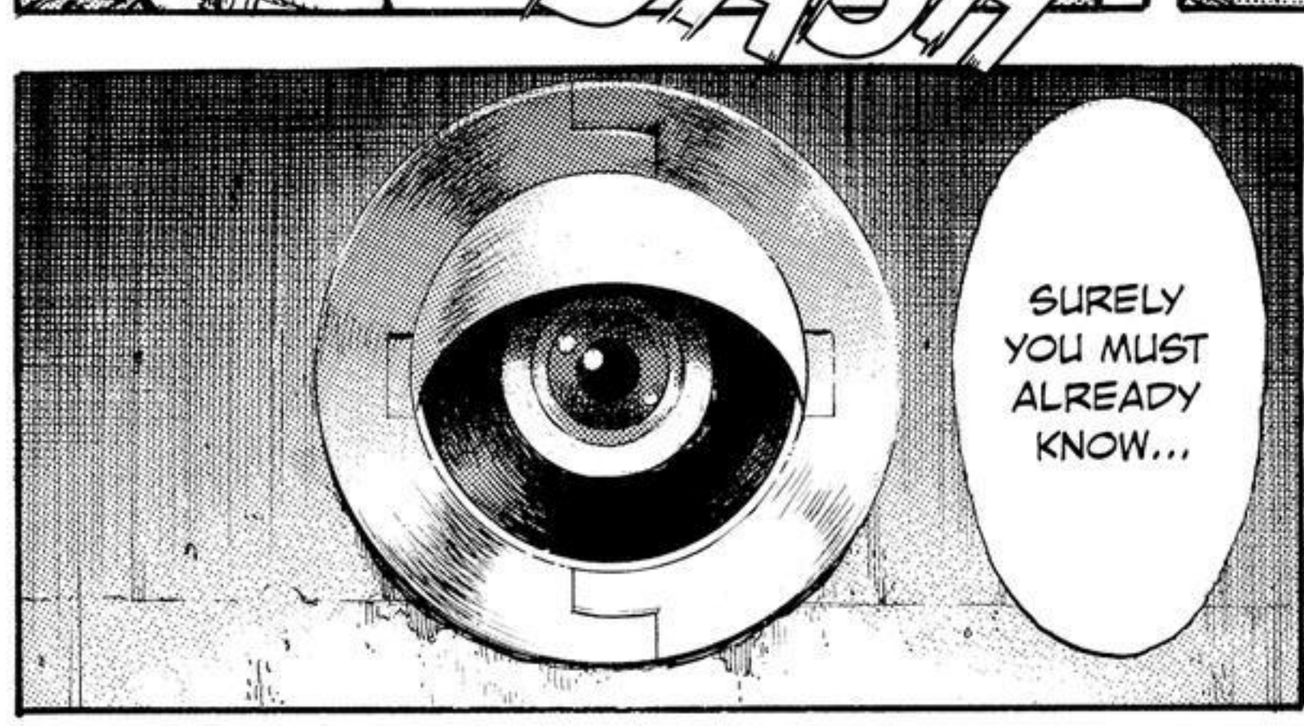
TELL ME!! TELL ME WHO PLUTO IS!!




CALL A MEDIC!!
DAMN YOU! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ?!!

SLAM
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?!

GET HIM OUT OF HERE, QUICK!
DASH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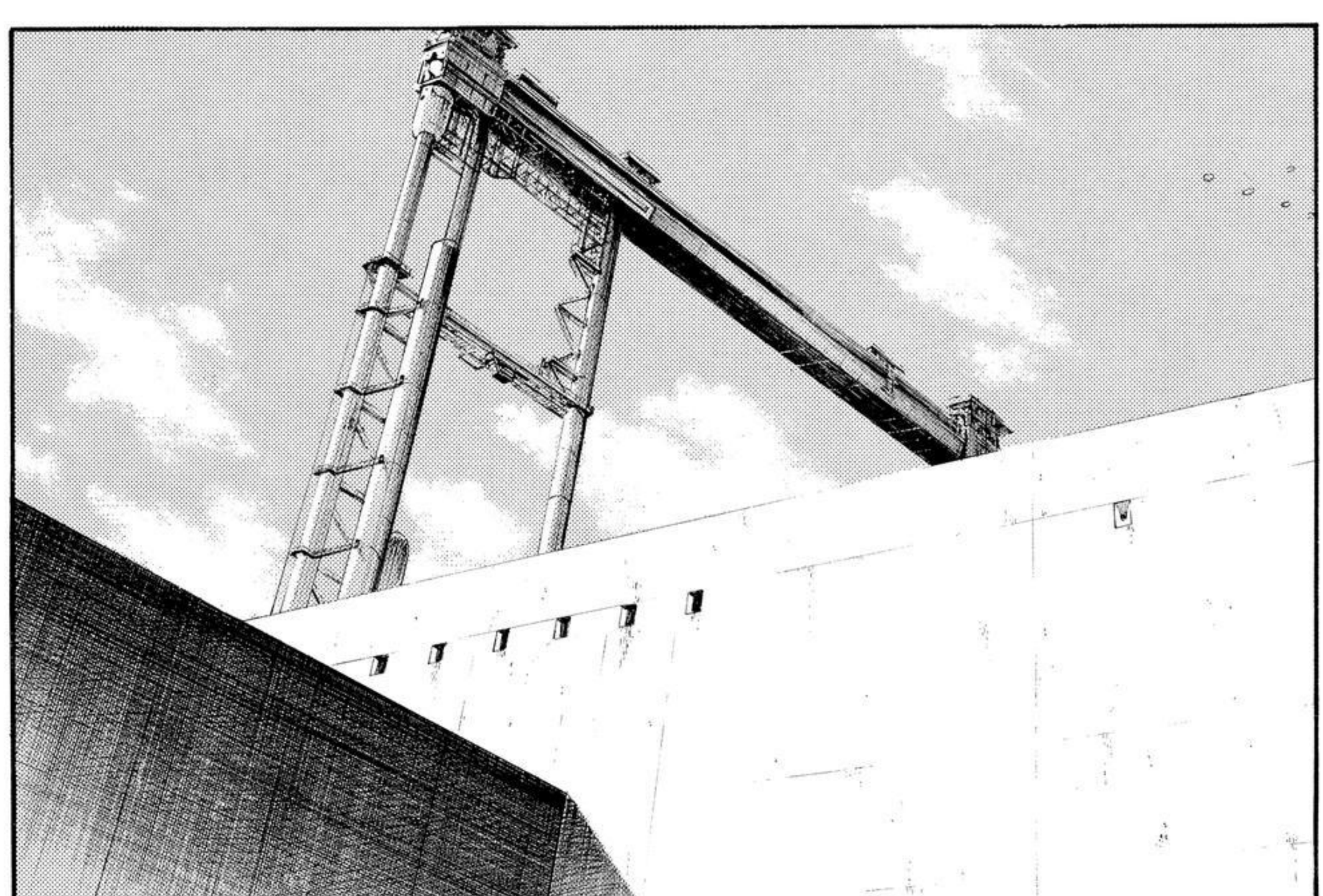


GESICHT, YOU'RE CAUSING MORE PROBLEMS AGAIN!!

SORRY, SIR.

THAT'S RIGHT. THEY WERE ABLE TO SAVE HIM, THOUGH.

WHAT? DARIUS XIV TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE?!

SHUT UP

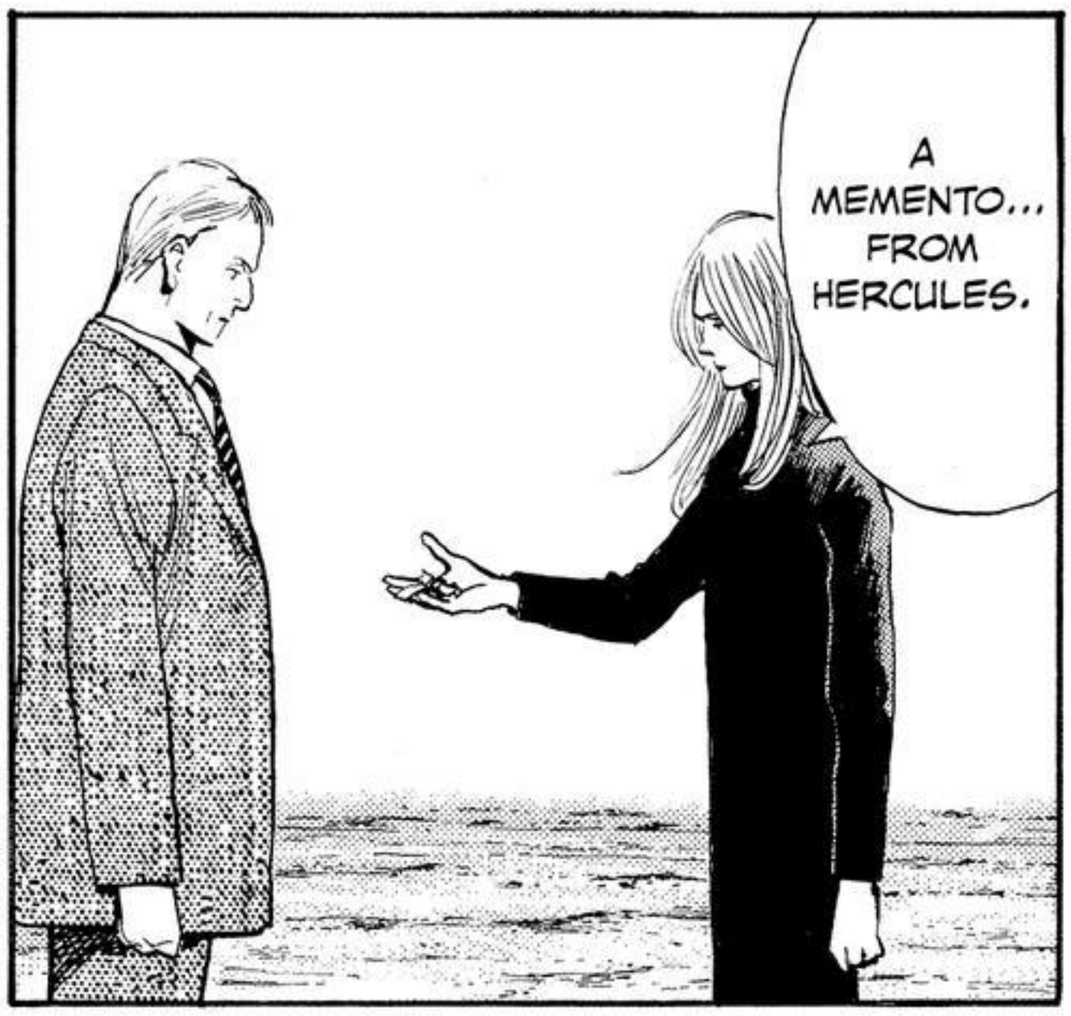
LOOK, JUST GET BACK HERE RIGHT AWAY, GESICHT ...

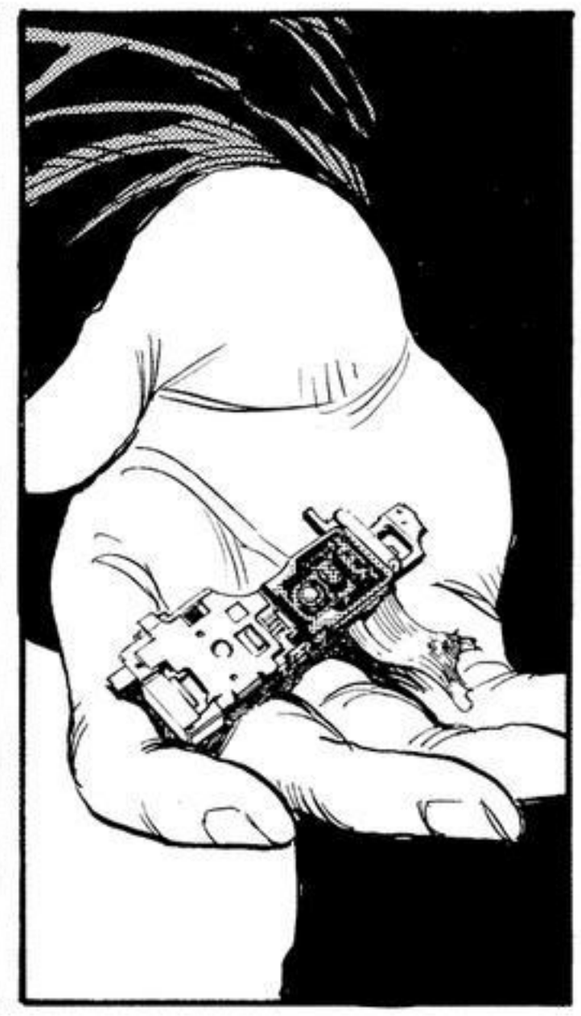
?!

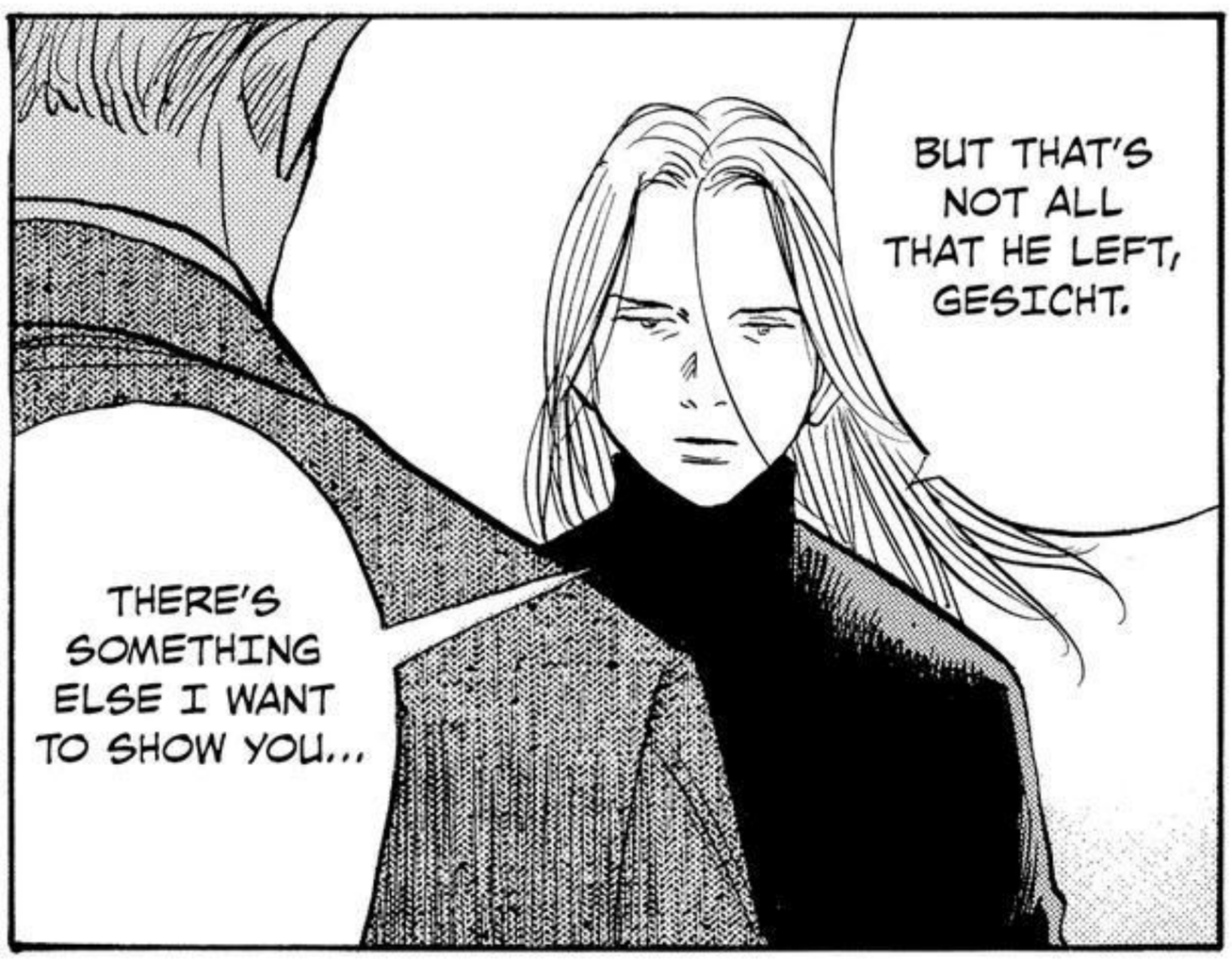
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYTHING.

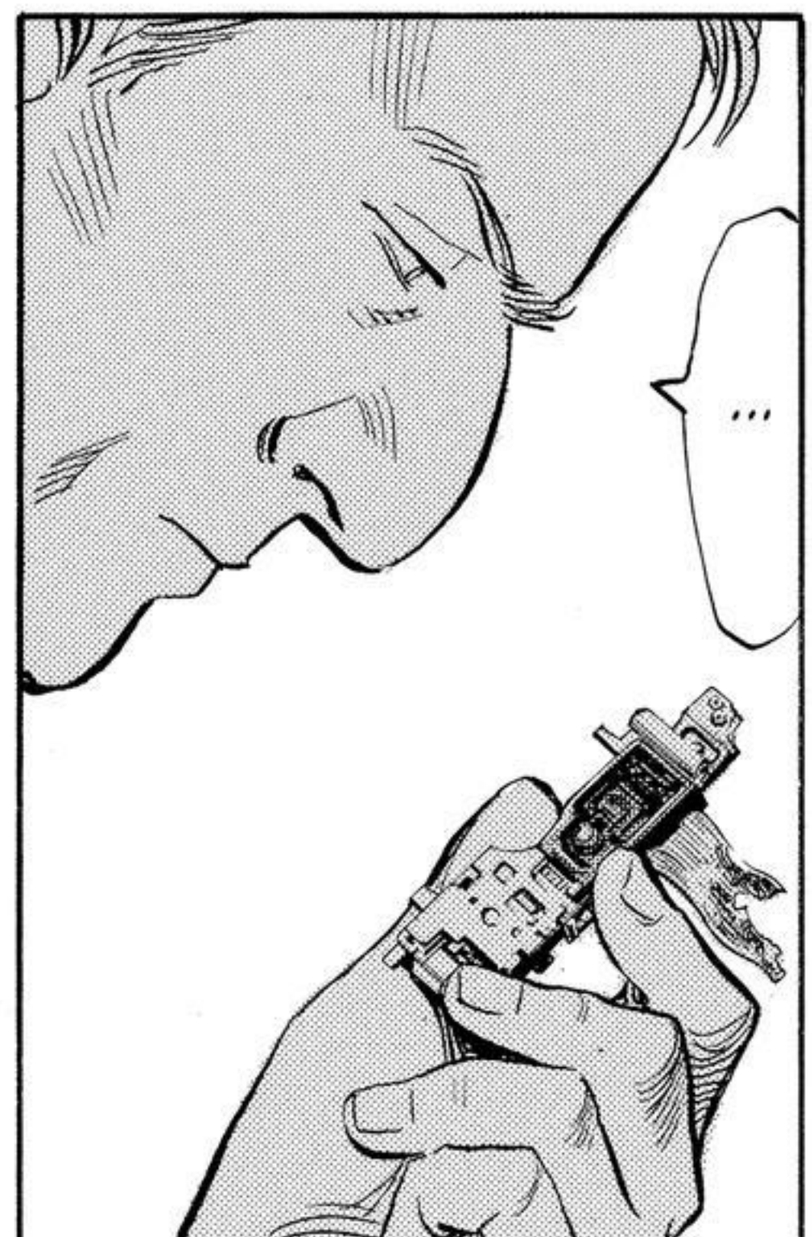
EPSILON ...?!

I COULDN'T REACH YOU, GESICHT, BUT I LOCATED YOUR POSITION AND FLEW STRAIGHT HERE.









I ANALYZED THE PULSES. MOST FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF WHAT HUMANS CALL "HATRED."

A HUGE AMOUNT OF ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGY WAS EMITTED WHILE HERCULES WAS IN HIS BATTLE WITH THE ENEMY.

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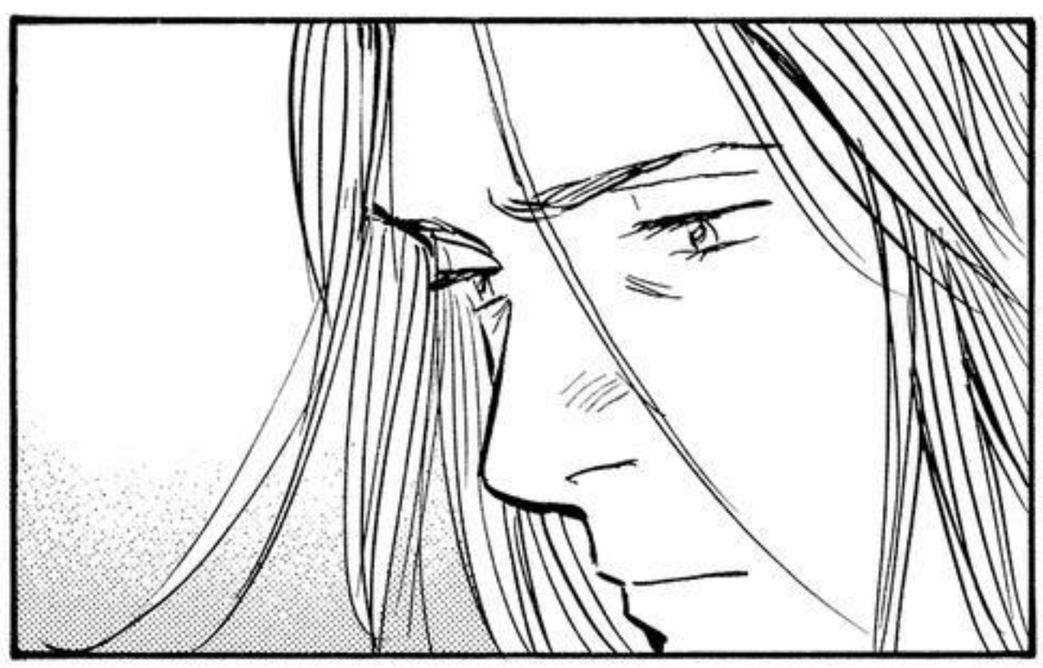
BUT THERE WAS ONE SECOND WHEN I DETECTED SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

...?!!

I'LL TRANSFER IT TO YOU NOW...

WHAT'S THIS IMAGE ?!!

WHAT...



COULD THIS...

COULD THIS BE PLUTO?!

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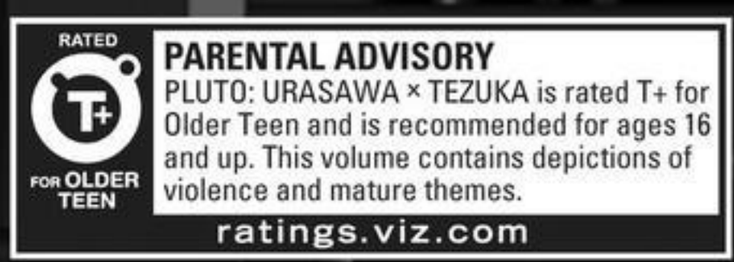
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